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Tuesday, January 6, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Second session of the 80th Congress convened.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Resolutions: The Senate met briefly, and after adopting three routine resolutions adjourned until I

o'clock Wednesday, January 7.

The three resolutions are S. Res. 182, to appoint a committee of two Senators to join three Representatives to inform the President that each House is assembled and ready to receive communications; S. Res. 183, to inform the House that the Senate is assembled and ready to proceed to business; and S. Res. 184, to set the daily meeting hour of the Senate at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

GRAIN TRADING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee in executive session heard William C. Brister, Director Food Supply, Division of Institute of Inter-American Affairs, State Department, and Robert C. Donovan, Bache Co., Washington, relative to trading on the commodity exchanges. This study will be continued on Friday with Harold Stassen.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-five public bills, H. R. 4832-4856; five private bills, H. R. 4857-4861; and nine resolutions, H. Res. 415-419; H. J. Res. 285-287; and H. Con. Res. 130, were introduced.

Resignation of Member: Received notice of resignation of Representative Benjamin J. Rabin, of the 24th Congressional District of New York.

Notification of Senate: Adopted H. Res. 416, instructing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and ready to proceed with business.

Notification of President: Adopted H. Res. 415, authorizing appointment of three Members to join with the committee of the Senate to notify the President that a quorum of each House has assembled. Representatives Halleck, Allen of Illinois, and Rayburn were named by the Speaker to this committee. XCIV-DD-1

Hour of Meeting: Adopted H. Res. 417, fixing, until otherwise ordered, the daily hour of meeting of the House of Representatives at 12 o'clock noon.

Joint Session: Agreed to H. Con. Res. 130, resolving that the two houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of House of Representatives Wednesday, January 7, 1948, at 1:30 p. m. for purpose of receiving such communications as the President shall be pleased to make.

Order of Business: By unanimous consent, the House dispensed with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, January 7.

Death of Member: Adopted H. Res. 419, expressing condolence on the death of Representative Patrick H. Drewry, of Virginia, and providing for immediate adjournment as a further mark of respect to the late Member. Page 23

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Wednesday, January 7, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses heard President's message on the State of the Union in joint session.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee acted on bills on Voice of America and St. Lawrence seaway.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 27-32

Bills Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1925 to S. 1951; and S. Res. 185 to 188.

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Bills Reported: Bills and resolutions were reported, as follows:

S. J. Res. 111, providing for a self-liquidating St. Lawrence seaway and approving certain provisions of an agreement on the same subject between the U. S. and Canada, with amendments (S. Rept. 810 by majority, and part II by minority); and

H. R. 3342, U. S. Information and Educational Exchange Act, relative to acquiring foreign peoples with the U. S. (Voice of America), with amendments (S. Rept. 811).

President's Message: After passing H. Con. Res. 130, providing for a joint session of the House and Senate, the Senate met with the House to hear President Truman deliver his message on the State of the Union.

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Death of Representative: Senate adopted S. Res. 188, expressing condolence on the death of late Representative Patrick H. Drewry, of Virginia, and providing for adjournment today as a further mark of respect to him.

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Committee Meetings

· AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: In executive session hearings were scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, on the status of the Government industrial alcohol plants. Hearings were ordered on S. 1322, granting a Federal charter to the Commodity Credit Corporation. It agreed to support S. Res. 155, to rerefer to the Agriculture and Forestry Committee H. R. 3484, a bill to transfer the Remount Service from the War Department to the Department of Agriculture.

Committee considered various reports and information submitted to it during recess.

VOICE OF AMERICA—ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY

Committee on Foreign Relations: In executive session the committee ordered reported, with amendments, H. R. 3342, U. S. Information and Educational Exchange Act, relative to acquainting foreign peoples with the U. S. (Voice of America). As approved, the bill would create two advisory commissions to formulate policies instead of one, as passed by the House. The two proposed commissions are U. S. Advisory Commission on Information and the U. S. Advisory Commission on Educational Exchange. Various perfecting amendments were adopted revising portions of the bill as passed by the House. Senator Smith was given permission to file the written report during the recess, but which is not yet available.

The committee also filed majority and minority reports on S. J. Res. 111, providing for a self-liquidating St. Lawrence seaway and approving certain provisions of an agreement on the same subject between the U. S. and Canada.

TORTS COMMITTED BY RAILROADS

Committee on the Judiciary: At hearings before the subcommittee on S. 1567 and H. R. 1639, change of venue in case of torts on interstate railroads, the following witnesses testified in favor of the bills: J. Carter Fort, vice president and general counsel, Association of American Railroads; John Freels, Illinois Central; Floyd E. Thompson, Chicago; and Jonathan Gibson, general counsel, Sante Fe Railroad. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARYLAND SENATORIAL ELECTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections, in executive session, concluded one phase of the Maryland senatorial election contest by completing examination of remaining contested ballots. The results of the recount cannot at this time be considered as the official determination of the subcommittee for the reason that the subcommittee must examine and study data accumulated by the subcommittee staff with respect to charges and allegations of illegalities and irregularities and determine the legal effect which such data may have on the actual recount.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eighteen public bills, H. R. 4862-4879; two private bills, H. R. 4880 and 4881; and three resolutions, H. Res. 420, and H. J. Res. 288 and 289.

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Resignation of Member: Received notice of resignation of Representative Earle C. Clements, of the Second Congressional District of Kentucky.

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President's Message: Joint session heard the President of the United States deliver his message on the State of the Union, which was ordered printed as a House document (H. Doc. 493).

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 2:25 p. m., until Thursday, January 8, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

VETERANS HOUSING

Committee on Expenditures in Executive Departments: Held its regular meeting and adopted the report on Naylor Gardens hearing. The report favors the sale of Naylor Gardens after all parties concerned had agreed on reasonable protection to present occupants until the end of rent control in the District of Columbia.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session and discussed proposed revision of the Treasury Department's employment tax regulations, but reached no conclusion.

Thursday, January 8, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate Foreign Relations Committee opened hearings on Marshall plan. House committee announced hearings on European Recovery Program.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, January 9, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

GRAIN TRADING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee in executive session heard Claude Cameron, Petrol Corp., and Harry B. Mitchell, Civil Service Commissioner, relative to Government employees trading on the commodity exchanges.

Subcommittee will hold open hearings tomorrow on the same subject with Harold Stassen testifying.

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: After an executive session, it was announced that the committee would begin hearings on January 12 on price-control bills or stabilization program introduced by Senators Capehart (S. 1873), Barkley (S. 1888), and Taylor (S. 1923).

Government witnesses will be heard on January 12 and 13, and later it will decide in what order the public witnesses will be heard. It was pointed out that other bills would soon be introduced on rationing and probably there would be additional bills on price control. At any rate, it was agreed that consideration would be given to rationing in connection with consideration of the bill by Senator Taylor.

Chairman Tobey pointed out that the important matters pending before the committee were housing, bank credit, price control, rent control, allocations, and the appointment of Tighe E. Woods to be Housing Expediter.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee opened hearings on the general program of authorizing "support for the European Recovery Program from the period April 1, 1948, to June 30, 1952, with an initial amount for the first 15 months of \$6,800,000,000." Secretary of State Marshall, the first witness, urged Congress to enact promptly an adequate four-year European re-

covery program. As the initial representative of the Executive Branch, he outlined his "convictions as to the extent and manner in which American interests are involved in European recovery."

TORTS COMMITTED BY RAILROADS

Committee on the Judiciary: The following witnesses testified before a subcommittee in opposition to S. 1567 and H. R. 1639, change of venue in case of torts com-

mitted by interstate railroads: A. E. Lyon and Joseph H. Freehill, Railway Labor Executives' Association, Washington; and Harry See, national legislative counsel, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Washington.

LABOR AND PUBLIC WELFARE

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Committee met in executive session to discuss its program and procedure, but made no announcement of action taken.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirteen public bills, H. R. 4882–4894; five private bills, H. R. 4895–4899; and one resolution, H. J. Res. 290, were introduced.

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Special Order: No legislation was considered by the membership. Under a special order Representative Hoffman addressed the House.

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Indians: Agreed to conference asked by Senate on amendments to S. 1317, to give Crow Indian Tribe power to manage certain lands, and appointed the following conferees: Representatives Welch, Crawford, and Somers.

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Committee Meetings

OII

Committee on Armed Services: The Special Oil Subcommittee met in executive session.

EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in executive session and agreed to proceed with public hearings on United States foreign policy for a postwar recovery program and that the first step be consideration of proposals for a European recovery program. The hearings on H. R. 4840, H. R. 4579, and similar measures will start Monday, January 12.

DAIRY CONTRACTORS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 met on H. R. 3646, to provide relief to contractors supplying dairy products to the Armed Forces, and heard Brig. Gen. Ernest M. Brannon, Assistant Judge Advocate General; John M. Fanning, attorney, Judge Advocate General's Office, Army; Commander James S. Dietz, Supply Corps; and Commander E. F. Metzger, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Department of the Navy. Committee meets tomorrow.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS—VETERANS' PREFERENCE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met in executive session and ordered H. J. Res. 251, authorizing the issuance of commemorative stamps on the 100th anniversary of the coming of the Swedish pioneers to the Middle West, reported favorably to the House with an amendment which confines the issue to 5-cent stamps. The committee also announced that it had agreed to the Senate amendments on H. R. 1426, extending veterans' preference benefits to widowed mothers of certain exservicemen and ex-servicewomen. This bill was passed by the House on July 21, 1947, and by the Senate on July 26, 1947.

UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Committee on Un-American Activities: Met in executive session.

VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Conducted an open meeting, at which time Maj. Gen. Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, Veterans' Administration, was presented to members of the committee.

Joint Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE

Joint Committee on District of Columbia: Subcommittees on Home Rule of the House and Senate Committees on the District of Columbia, in executive session, agreed to introduce a bill providing for District of Columbia home rule. Subsequently, after the public has had a chance to examine the bill, the committee will hold public hearings on it.

Friday, January 9, 1948

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 53-59

Bills Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1952 to S. 1964 and S. J. Res. 171.

Investigation of Postmaster Appointments: Senate adopted S. Res. 186, to extend to March 31, 1948, the time for investigation of the appointments of postmasters.

The Senate also heard speeches by Senators Hatch and Maybank.

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Nominations: The following nominations were received: Jess Larson, Oklahoma, to be War Assets Administrator; Rear Adm. Paul L. Mather, to be Associate War Assets Administrator; Tighe E. Woods, Illinois, to be Housing Expediter; J. Alston Adams, New Jersey, and William K. Divers, Ohio, to be members of the Home Loan Bank Board; Wayne Coy, Indiana, and George E. Sterling, Maine, to be members of the FCC; John M. Cabot, Massachusetts, to be a consul general; Mark Edwin Andrews, Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Navy; George V. Allen, North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of State; George B. Gillin, California, to be Superintendent of the Mint of U.S. at San Francisco; and Burton N. Behling, District of Columbia, to be a member of Federal Power Commission; together with 8 appointments in the Public Health Service, I district attorney, I U. S. marshal, I collector of internal revenue, 3 customs collectors, 20 Foreign Service appointments including consuls, 5 permanent rear admirals, 7 temporary rear admirals, 3 Coast and Geodetic Survey, and 61 Armed Services—a total of 123 appointments. Pages 68-69

Committee Meetings

GRAIN TRADING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee heard ex-Governor Harold Stassen discuss grain trading on the commodity exchanges in general, including tradings by certain Government employees. Committee meets again January 13 to continue this study.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee continued hearings on the European Recovery Program with Ambassador Lewis Douglas testifying in support of it, and outlining generally how the proposed plan would operate. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TORTS COMMITTED BY RAILROADS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee heard Sam Jackson, Indiana State Bar Association, testimony in support of S. 1567 and H. R. 1639, change of venue in case of torts committee by interstate railroads. Hearings continued January 13.

INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee met in executive session on Indian bills, and will report to the full committee on action taken next Tuesday.

SENATE PROGRAM

Committee Chairmen: Chairmen of the standing committees of the Senate met in executive session to discuss the legislative program and legislation pending before their respective committees, and to give the Majority Policy Committee the order in which they expect to consider that legislation, as an aid to that group in making up the Senate program.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Met in executive session and discussed policy and procedure.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in executive session.

ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 held hearings on H. R. 238, to extend admiralty jurisdiction, and heard Representative Hale; W. H. Betts, admiralty lawyer, New York City; Myron Avery, admiralty counsel in the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Depart-

ment of the Navy; and E. J. Ackerson, Maritime Commission.

PARK COUNTY, WYO.

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Public Lands met on H. R. 4462, authorizing the conveyance of certain lands in Park County, Wyo., to the State of Wyoming, and after receiving testimony from Hon. Lester R. Hunt, Governor of State of Wyoming; Norman B. Gray, attorney general of Wyoming; W. H. Everett, Casper, Wyo.; Mastin G. White, solicitor, Department of Interior; and C. R. Bradshaw, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior, voted to report the bill, as amended, favorably to the full committee.

TRADE AGREEMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session and adopted a resolution of the committee requesting the Secretary of State to furnish to the Committee on Ways and Means certain information relating to the negotiation of recent trade agreements. The committee arrived at no conclusion on H. J. Res. 283 and H. J. Res. 287, both requesting certain information from the Internal Revenue Bureau and other agencies.

GRAIN TRADING

Select Committee to Investigate Transactions on Commodity Exchanges: Met in executive session and heard Chairman Andresen outline the proposed activities of the committee. The chairman was empowered to establish the necessary technical and investigating staff to carry out the provisions of H. Res. 404.

Monday, January 12, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses received President's Budget Message. Senate passed 35 bills on Call of Calendar.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 70-73

Bills Introduced: Twelve bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1965 to S. 1976.

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President's Message: Senate heard Budget Message of the President recommending appropriations totaling \$39.7 billion, which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pages 70, 97–112

Bills Rereferred: At the request of Senator Taft, S. 1657 and S. 1458, which had been referred to the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, were referred to the Post Office and Civil Service and Finance Committees, respectively.

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Bills Passed: On call of the Calendar, 35 unobjectedto bills were passed as follows:

Commemorative Coins: S. 865, providing for striking of medals instead of coins for commemorative purposes.

Subsistence: S. 544, to amend the Subsistence Expense Act, to increase amount of travel expenses allowed Government employees, with amendment.

Naturalized Veterans: S. 489, to preserve the nationality of naturalized veterans and their dependents.

Government Employees: S. 1486, to pay salaries for period of separation from Government service to persons improperly removed.

Veterans' Preference: S. 1644, amending Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 to permit rescission of prior agency action in complying with Civil Service Commission's recommendations.

Naval Construction: S. 1675, to authorize Secretary of Navy to proceed with the construction of certain public works.

Military Installations: S. 1676, to authorize Secretary of War to proceed with certain constructions.

Flood Control: H. R. 3146, to require Secretary of War to survey for run-off and water-flow retardation and soil-erosion prevention on watersheds when surveying waterways.

Utah Indian Reservation: S. 1698, to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in Utah, with amendment.

Irrigation District in New Mexico: H. R. 3834, rehabilitation of Fort Sumner irrigation district.

Indian War Veterans: H. R. 4055, increase pension rates for Indian war veterans and dependents thereof, with amendment.

Private Bills: The following 24 private claims bills: S. 922, 944, 1031, H. R. 389, S. 1267, 1347, H. R. 1531, 1799, S. 1411, H. R. 645, 2056, 769, 1175, 1319, 1933, 2348, 3068, 1155, 1645, 2891, 3111, 3754, S. 1716, and H. R. 2192.

The Senate adopted amendments to the following bills, ordered them reprinted, and without passing them, ordered them to remain on the Calendar: S. 1454,

to amend the Public Health Service Act, and H. R. 1366, to facilitate procurement of supplies and services by the War and Navy Departments.

Bills indefinitely postponed: S. 1297, to extend certain powers of the President under Title III of the Second War Powers Act; and S. Con. Res. 11, creating a joint committee to investigate certain matters affecting agriculture.

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Bills Cleared for President: Of the bills passed above, the following 16 House bills were passed without amendment and cleared for the President: H. R. 3146, 3834, 389, 1531, 645, 2056, 769, 1175, 1319, 1933, 2348, 3068, 1155, 1645, 2891, and 3754.

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UNO: Under unanimous-consent request, S. Res. 101, favoring action by the UNO looking to a solution of the Grecian-Turkish problem, was indefinitely postponed.

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Committee Meetings

GRAIN TRADING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee met in executive session to consider further grain trading on the commodity exchanges, but made no announcement of action taken. Subcommittee continues tomorrow.

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Hearings were opened on three bills on price control and stabilization, introduced by Senators Capehart (S. 1873), Barkley (S. 1888), and Taylor (S. 1923). Secretary of Agriculture Anderson testified stating that while he preferred stand-by price control authority, if Congress is not willing to grant that, he would then favor legislation authorizing the Federal Government to take all steps necessary to prepare for rationing and price control when and if Congress should decide that rationing or price control were necessary. He favored the price control set-up in S. 1888, as introduced by Senator Barkley. He further stated that he would favor a general price freeze, if it were passed on prices in effect as of October 23, 1947.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee continued hearings on the European Recovery Program with Ambassador Lewis Douglas concluding his testimony in support of the bill, and Secretary of Commerce Harriman also testifying for same.

On Saturday, January 10, the committee met with Ambassador Douglas testifying. Hearings continue tomorrow.

OIL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Oil met to size up the oil situation and discuss what action that group has taken. Senator Tobey advised that members of the subcommittee had been invited to attend a conference on Thursday, January 15, by Max Ball, Director of Oil and Gas Division, Interior Department, which has been called at the suggestion of the Oil Subcommittee. It was also pointed out that the subcommittee had requested weekly data from oil producers on their production of gasoline, fuel oil, kerosene, and residual products, which is now being analyzed by the Industrial Advisory Committee, to see if the producers are cutting down on gas production and increasing that of fuel oil.

DISPLACED PERSONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization met in executive session on January 10 and today to consider displaced persons, but made no announcement of action taken.

FRANKING PRIVILEGE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Committee on January 10 concluded hearings on postal franking privileges under Universal Military Training bill, with Gen. Miles Reber and Col. C. C. Fenn discussing type of material included in various army-camp publications, and particularly the pamphlet "Universal Military Training." Nelson Wensel, of the Post Office Department, also testified.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eighteen public bills, H. R. 4900-4917; nine private bills, H. R. 4918-4926; and six resolutions, H. Res. 421-423 and H. J. Res. 291-293 were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Report of special subcommittee of its investigation of the proposed sale of Naylor Gardens, Washington, D. C. (H. Rept. 1235);

H. J. Res. 251, authorizing Postmaster General to issue a special series of 5-cent postage stamps com-

memorating the 100th anniversary of the coming of the Swedish pioneers to the Middle West (H. Rept. 1236);

H. Res. 422, rule fixing time of debate and consideration of amendments to H. R. 2759, amending the Interstate Commerce Act (H. Rept. 1237); and

H. Res. 423, rule fixing length of debate and consideration of amendments to H. R. 4071, amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (H. Rept. 1238).

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President's Message: Heard the Budget message of the President recommending appropriations of \$39,700,000,000 to defray costs of operating the Federal Government in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1948. The message was referred to Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed as a House document (H. Doc. 456).

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Veterans: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 1426, extending veterans' preference benefits to widows and mothers of certain ex-servicemen, thus clearing the bill for Executive action.

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European Recovery Program: Under special orders, Mr. Mason, of Illinois, addressed the House on the subject of the Marshall plan and the spread of communism.

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Committee Meetings

ARMY

Committee on Armed Services: Met in executive session to hear an over-all report on the Army by Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary of the Army.

PAROLES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Met in executive session and discussed procedure to be followed in connection with investigation of paroles granted to four Chicago gangsters.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Committee resumed hearings on the general question of United States foreign policy for a postwar recovery program, having before it for consideration bills H. R. 4579 and H. R. 4840. Secretary of State Marshall, testifying before the committee, urged Congress to enact promptly an adequate 4-year European recovery program.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation met on H. R. 3194, to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, and heard Representative D'Ewart who briefly discussed the purpose of his bill; J. G. Will, counsel, Bureau of Reclamation, read the

report of the Department of the Interior and discussed the proposed amendments; and Michael W. Straus, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, testified in favor of enactment of bill if amended as recommended.

RULES—INTERSTATE COMMERCE—HEALTH

Committee on Rules: Heard Chairman Wolverton and Representatives Dolliver and Beckworth, of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, who favored a resolution providing consideration of H. R. 2759, a bill to amend the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, so as to provide limitations on the time within which actions may be brought for the recovery of undercharges and overcharges by or against common carriers by motor vehicle, common carriers by water, and freight forwarders. A resolution providing 1 hour of general debate was ordered reported.

Heard Chairman Wolverton and Representatives Hale, and Miller of Connecticut, of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, who favored a resolution providing consideration of H. R. 4071, a bill to amend section 301 (k) and 304 (a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended. A resolution providing 1 hour of general debate was ordered reported.

Joint Committee Meetings

AVIATION

Congressional Aviation Policy Board: In executive session the Board considered a report by the President's Committee on Aviation and heard Gen. Milton Arnold, Army Transportation Association, discuss regularity of schedules and proposals of how to accomplish that objective, and Captain Bolster, Navy, discuss instrumental flying and landing technique. The full Board meets again tomorrow.

HOUSING

Joint Committee on Housing: Opened public hearings on housing, especially the supply, demand, and prices of lumber, and heard Secretary of Navy Sullivan discuss the Navy's lumber requirements for 1948; Walter J. Williams, Director, Division of Production, Atomic Energy Commission, presented the AEC's lumber and other building material requirements for 1948; C. Tyler Wood, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Foreign Affairs, State Department, discussed export policy with regard to foreign aid requirements of building materials; Francis E. McIntyre, Assistant Director, Office of International Trade, Department of Commerce, also discussed export policies. The committee also heard 25 other witnesses, mostly lumber producers, wholesalers, and retailers. Hearing continues tomorrow.

Tuesday, January 13, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed bills on foods and drugs and recovery of freight charges.

Senate Committee on Armed Services acted on Hungarian horses and nominations.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

GRAIN TRADING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee, at the morning session, heard testimony of Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham, President's physician, and Harry Brisker, customers' broker, Bache & Co. The subcommittee continued the hearing in executive session in the afternoon.

HUNGARIAN HORSES—NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Received and concurred in the recommendations of the subcommittee to the effect that the Hungarian horses, which were brought to this country in October of 1945, by the War Department as war booty, should "not be returned to the Hungarian Government."

The nomination of Mark Edwin Andrews, Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Navy, was approved and will be favorably reported to the Senate.

The recommendation of the President (January 8) that a bill be enacted to authorize the appointment of Maj. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter as a member and chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board without affecting his military status and perquisites, was considered and serious objections were raised on the ground that such appointment would constitute an undesirable precedent. It was accordingly agreed not to introduce the bill pending receipt of additional information.

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Hearings were continued on the three price control and stabilization bills introduced by Senators Capehart (S. 1873), Barkley (S. 1888), and Taylor (S. 1923), with Joseph Clorety, national secretary, American Veterans Committee, testifying in support of price control and rationing.

Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach also testified, pointing out to the committee that "the problem that confronts us now is to enact legislation which will stop the present price rise and reduce the price level, so as to make it unnecessary for workers to demand compensating wage increases, with the likely consequences of still further price increases. If we are successful in

checking the upward trend of prices and rents and in lowering the cost of foods, we shall have a basis for calling on labor voluntarily to limit demands for further wage increases—at least temporarily—while we, as a Nation, try to achieve a basis of stability." Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Secretary of Agriculture Anderson discussed some of the food and agricultural aspects of the proposed plan, testifying that, in addition to its aid in establishing peace, it would be of "long-time economic benefit to the nation." Secretary of Interior Krug also testified for the plan, outlining its possible effect on this country's economy and natural resources.

TORTS COMMITTED BY RAILROADS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee, in receiving further testimony on S. 1567 and H. R. 1639, change of venue in case of torts committed by interstate railroads, heard Representative John Jennings, Jr., and Frederick Brune, chairman of the committee on jurisprudence and law reform, American Bar Association, testify in support of the legislation. Warren H. Atherton, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and John T. Corbett, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, testified in opposition to the legislation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee on REA personnel (S. Res. 41) heard the following officials of REA: Claude R. Wickard, Administrator; William J. Neal, Deputy Administrator; and John W. Asher, Chief, Personnel Division.

INDIAN BILLS

Committee on Public Lands: In executive session, committee ordered reported 13 Indian bills (with amendments, S. 400, S. 401, S. 773, S. 1407, H. R. 3153, H. R. 2361, and H. R. 3322; without amendment, S. 1517, S. 1485, S. 1591, S. 1733, H. R. 1049, and H. R. 3326).

COMMITTEE PROGRAM

Committee on Public Works: In executive session the committee discussed its program and bills to be considered during this session, but made no announcement of schedule.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventeen public bills, H. R. 4927-4943; four private bills, H. R. 4944-4947; and two resolutions, H. Res. 424 and H. J. Res. 294, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: One report was made as follows:

H. Res. 424, rule fixing time of debate and consideration of amendments to H. R. 2575, courts martial, Articles of War.

Bills Referred: Eleven bills, passed by the Senate on Tuesday, were referred to appropriate House committees.

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Presidential Messages: Two messages from the President were read to the House, as follows:

Report by the Acting Secretary of State concerning the retirement and disability fund, Foreign Service, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and printed as House Document No. 497; and

Executive recommendation that Congress expand the present authorization for construction of Folsom Dam, California, which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and printed as House Document No.

496.

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Common Carriers: Passed H. R. 2759, a bill amending the Interstate Commerce Act regarding statute of limitations for recovery of undercharges and overcharges by or against common carriers by motor vehicle, common carriers by water, and freight forwarders.

H. Res. 422, the rule providing for consideration of this measure was previously adopted.

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Food, Drugs, and Cosmetics: Passed H. R. 4071, a bill amending the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act relative to misbranding of articles of food and drugs, and seizure and condemnation of same.

H. Res. 423, the rule providing for consideration of this measure was previously adopted.

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Order of Business: By unanimous consent, the House dispensed with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, January 14.

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Special Orders: Under special orders, at the conclusion of legislative business, the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Bradley, on ocean shipping and recovery program; Mr. Miller of Connecticut, on national program of suitable employment of the physically handicapped; Mrs. Rogers of Massachusetts, on New England fuel-oil shortage; and Mr. Rich, on the Marshall plan.

Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Met on long-range farm program and heard Dr. John A. Hannah, president, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.; Dr. William H. Martin, dean, College of Agriculture, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.; and J. O. Knapp, director of extension, West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va. Later the committee in executive session voted to favorably report to the House H. R. 4856, to delay the liquidation of mineral interests reserved to the United States as required by the Farmers Home Administration Act of 1946. Hearing continues tomorrow.

NAVY

Committee on Armed Services: Met in executive session to hear an over-all report on the Navy by Secretary of the Navy Sullivan.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Public Service, Streets, and Traffic met to consider H. R. 4572, providing for issuance of learners' permits, and H. R. 4849, providing for construction of Arizona Avenue through Canal Road and Tenly Circle, and heard Washington I. Cleveland, of the American Automobile Association, who appeared in favor of H. R. 4572; and Commissioners Gordon Young, John Russell Young, and Guy Mason, all of whom appeared in favor of H. R. 4849, and Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, National Capital Park and Planning Commission; Mrs. Anne Archbold, and Charles Glover, all of whom appeared in opposition to H. R. 4849. Committee decided to withhold action on H. R. 4849 until the Park and Planning Commission had an opportunity to offer a counter-proposal.

MUSICAL RECORDING BAN

Committee on Education and Labor: Committee met on the American Federation of Musicians investigation and heard Judge Justin L. Miller, president of the American Association of Broadcasters, who discussed the association's attitude toward the musical-recording ban. Hearing will continue tomorrow.

DEFENSE PLANT CORPORATION RENTALS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings met on charges of waste and mismanagement by Defense Plant Corporation and heard Theodore Herz, Assistant Director of the Corporation Audits Division, GAO, who discussed the rental policies and the accounting records of the RFC.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Committee resumed hearings on the general question of United States foreign policy for a postwar recovery program, having before it for consideration bills H. R. 4840 and H. R. 4579. The Honorable Lewis W. Douglas, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, testified in behalf of the program.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation met on H. R. 3194, to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, and heard J. G. Will, counsel, Bureau of Reclamation, who continued his discussion of the Bureau's proposed amendments to H. R. 3194, after which the committee questioned Michael W. Straus, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation. Hearing continues tomorrow.

RULES-MILITARY JUSTICE

Committee on Rules: Heard Chairman Andrews and Representatives Elston and Kilday of the Committee on Armed Services, who favored a resolution providing consideration of H. R. 2575, a bill to amend the Articles of War to improve the administration of military justice, to provide for more effective appellate review, to insure the equalization of sentences, and for other purposes. An open rule providing 2 hours of general debate was ordered reported.

Joint Committee Meetings

AVIATION

Congressional Aviation Policy Board: The Board discussed aviation labor problems, with Byron Rhodes and Hal Shean, International Association of Machinists of Los Angeles, pointing out their problems of losing men (particularly technicians) to other industries; Dr. William M. Leiserson talked about labor problems in general and the Railroad Labor Act in relation to aviation; and Secretary of National Defense Forrestal reviewed coordinating requirements of Air Force and Navy. Board continues tomorrow.

HOUSING

Joint Committee on Housing: Met on problems of shortage of pig iron, soil pipe, and nails; problems confronting cities and part they can play in easing housing shortage; need for greater uniformity and flexibility in building codes; and heard Earl Mallery, executive director, American Municipal Association; Wayne Thompson, city manager, Richmond, Calif.; George Thompson, National Bureau of Standards; Prentis White, administrator, State Housing Authority, Connecticut; Robert McChesney, U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Gen. John W. Oehman, Building Officials Conference of America; Hal Colling, Pacific Coast Building Officials Conference; M. L. Clement, Southern Building Officials Conference; and H. H. Lawrence, American Standards Association. Hearing continues tomorrow.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate made Voice of America unfinished business. House debated military justice bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1977 to S. 1987; S. J. Res. 172; and S. Res. 189.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1591, to transfer certain electrical equipment in connection with sale of electric energy generated at Fort Peck project (S. Rept. 812).

S. 1485, to authorize Secretary of Interior to dispose

of lands in New Mexico (S. Rept. 814).

H. R. 1049, repeal of Indian liquor laws in certain parts of Minnesota (S. Rept. 816).

H. R. 3326, issuing certificates of competency to cer-

(S. Rept. 817).

H. R. 2361, clarifying legal status of certain lands described in treaty between U. S. and Delaware Indians of October 3, 1818 (S. Rept. 821).

tain members of the Osage Indian Tribe, Oklahoma

H. R. 3153, providing for sale of certain submarginal lands on Indian reservations in Montana (S. Rept. 822).

H. R. 3322, rights-of-way through Osage Indian land (S. Rept. 823).

Six private claims bills: S. 1517, S. 1733, S. 400, S. 401, S. 773, and S. 1407 (S. Repts. 813, 815, 818, 819, 820, and 824, respectively).

President's Messages: The President submitted the following two messages to the Senate:

The Economic Report of the President, which was referred to the Joint Committee on the Economic Report; and

Recommendation for expanding the present authorization for construction of Folsom Dam in California, which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

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Veterans: H. R. 966, to amend the Veterans' Preference Act, was postponed indefinitely and stricken from Calendar since a like bill (S. 1494) has already been enacted into Public Law 325 of the 80th Congress.

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Dredge: H. R. 4229, to provide that certain U. S. dredging equipment be documented under U. S. laws, was indefinitely postponed.

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Irrigation Project: Senator Connally entered a motion to reconsider H. R. 3834, Fort Sumner irrigation project, which was passed on January 12.

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Voice of America: Senate made H. R. 3342, U. S. Information and Educational Exchange Act, relative to acquainting foreign peoples with the U. S., the unfinished business.

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Nominations: The following nominations were received: Guy Mason, reappointment as District of Columbia Commissioner; Walter M. W. Splawn, Texas, reappointment as ICC Commissioner; together with 1 collector of customs; 1 assistant general counsel for Bureau of Internal Revenue; 2 collectors of Internal Revenue; 3 U. S. marshals; 1 U. S. attorney; and 11 military nominations.

Committee Meetings

GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL ALCOHOL PLANTS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: The committee held hearings on the status of Government industrial-alcohol plants, and heard the following witnesses review the operation of the plants and submit information on their present status: Jess Larson, WAA Administrator; George Hammill, WAA Chemical and Light Metals Branch; Jacob B. Wickoff, Production and Marketing Administration of Department of Agriculture; and Dr. Louis B. Howard, Bureau of Agriculture; and Industrial Chemistry of Department of Agriculture. J. L. Welsh, president, and Cecil Johnson, assistant to the manager, both of the Farm Crops Processing Corp., Omaha, testified briefly. Committee meets again January 19 on Federal Charter to the Commodity Credit Corporation.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in executive session to discuss pending nominations, but took no action on them.

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION—DISTILLED SPIRITS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continuing hearings on the three price control and stabilization bills introduced by Senators Capehart (S. 1873), Barkley (S. 1888), and Taylor (S. 1923), Committee heard Secretary of the Interior Krug state in his opinion that price control on a selective basis and wage control, both as set forth in S. 1888, are necessary together with allocation powers as set forth in a proposed bill discussed by Secretary of Commerce Harriman before the Joint Committe on the Economic Report. He did not favor S. 1873, because it does not create emergency measures to adjust price ceilings. He believes S. 1923 controls more items than the circumstances require.

Secretary of Commerce Harriman told the committee that "in the long run the solution to the economic problems with which we are faced depends upon increased production. I believe that for the next year or so there will be, in certain areas, inflationary pressures which increased production will not be able to relieve. The only solution in these limited areas lies in the imposition of temporary price controls along with the power to reduce demand by curtailing the less essential uses, and priority powers to expand production in vital areas. In the food field, there must be the power to ration where the supply-demand pressure is acute."

Chairman Tobey appointed a subcommittee on grain allocation consisting of Senators Flanders (chairman), Capehart, and Robertson of Virginia, to study S. 1842, amend Second Decontrol Act as to allocation of grain for distilled spirits.

RFC

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee heard Henry T. Bodman, RFC Board of Directors, advocate continuance of RFC for purpose of making loans in national interest in prosperous times and to have it available as a stand-by in case of economic reversals or other economic emergencies; Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, National Bureau of Economic Research, New York, develop history of term loans and parts the RFC has played in that development; Chauncey Dodds, RFC Small Business Division, discuss RFC activities in the small business field; and Daniel Mungall, Jr., member of the Senate RFC Inquiry Staff, analyze data received on the bank questionnaires which have been sent out to all banks throughout the country. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee continued hearings on the proposed European recovery plan, with

Secretary of the Treasury Snyder testifying on the principal financial aspects of the program, commenting on the measures expected of the participating countries themselves, and on methods of financing the aid program by this nation. William McChesney Martin, Jr., Export-Import Bank, discussed the functions to be performed by that agency under the Marshall plan, pointing out "there is no conflict in the dual function that the Bank would perform for the duration of the European recovery program—that of acting in an agency capacity under the program and of acting in an independent capacity under the provisions of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945."

Secretary of the Army Royall began his testimony in support of the proposal. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TORTS COMMITTED BY RAILROADS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee concluded hearings on S. 1567 and H. R. 1639, change of venue in case of torts committed by interstate railroads, after receiving opposition testimony from Representative Edward J. Devitt, John Ryan, who testified at the request of Senator Brooks, and Russell Smith, Farmers' Union. Edwin Duhbold, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, analyzed the bill. Representative Devitt proposed various amendments.

The records of the subcommittee will be held open until the 20th of January in order that others might be permitted to incorporate statements.

WAGE HOUR

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee met to consider its program during this session with respect to all bills introduced to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1948, including proposals to change the minimum-wage rate. It will hold a further meeting in the near future, at which time a program will be announced. Veterans' Subcommittee will meet tomorrow.

REA PERSONNEL

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee studying the qualifications of employees and classification of jobs in the Information Section of the REA heard the following witnesses: Claude R. Wickard, REA Administrator; John W. Asher, Chief, Personnel Division, REA; Joseph L. Spilman, Civil Service Commission; Joseph P. Findlay, Department of Agriculture; and the following REA witnesses: Kermit Overby, Robert Ingram, Emanuel Noble, Phillip Dodge, M. Buckner, Bernard Krug, Marces Hoverson, Allyn Walters, Kenneth Olson, O. Spivy, Robert Womack, Virginia Tatum, J. Toulouse, and Udo Rall.

INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee, in hearings on S. 1685 and S. 1565, California Indian bills, received testimony in support of the legislation from Senator Butler, and Representative Charles K. Fletcher, California. William Zimmerman, Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, appeared in opposition to the legislation; Frederick G. Collett, representing Indians of California, Inc., appeared on behalf of the California Indians. Senator Butler, in opening statement, stated "it is time to give serious consideration to setting the Indians free" and added, "the Indians should be emancipated from Federal wardship and control." Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-two public bills, H. R. 4948–4969; eight private bills, H. R. 4970–4977; and five resolutions, H. Res. 425–428 and H. J. Res. 295, were introduced.

Bills Reported: One report was made as follows:

H. R. 4856, delaying liquidation of mineral interests reserved to the United States, as required by Farmers' Home Administration Act of 1946 (H. Rept. 1240).

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Presidential Message: House heard message from the President concerning the economic report to the Congress as required under the Employment Act of 1946, which was referred to the Joint Committee on the Economic Report and printed as House Document No. 498.

Committee Resignation: Received notice of resignation of Representative Meade of Maryland from the Joint Committee on the Library.

Pensions: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 4055, providing increases in pensions to veterans of Indian wars and their dependents, thus clearing the bill for executive action.

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Courts Martial: Adopted H. Res. 424, rule fixing time for debate and consideration of amendments to H. R. 2575, a bill amending the Articles of War, to improve the administration of military justice, to provide for more effective appellate review and to insure the equalization of sentences. No final conclusion was reached on this measure and further consideration was postponed. Many amendments, offered from the floor, were rejected. An amendment offered by Representative Fulton, to provide that no U. S. servicemen shall be con-

fined with enemy prisoners or other foreign nationals outside of this country, was adopted; and an amendment offered by Representative Burleson, providing that the accused be advised that he does not have to make any statement regarding an offense, and that such statement, if made, may be used against him, was also adopted.

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Special Orders: Under special orders, at the conclusion of legislative business, the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Poage, on the repeal of taxes and license fees on oleomargarine; and Mr. Celler, on the Palestine situation.

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Committee Meetings

LONG RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on longrange farm program and heard Dr. John Black, Harvard University. Hearings continue tomorrow.

AIR FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Met in executive session and heard an over-all report on the Department of the Air Force by W. Stuart Symington, Secretary of the Air Force.

MUSICAL RECORDING BAN

Committee on Education and Labor: Committee met on the American Federation of Musicians investigation and heard Bond Geddes, executive vice president and general manager, Radio Manufacturers' Association; William J. Bailey, executive director, FM Associations; Leonard Asch, president, WBCA, Schenectady, N. Y.; Raymond Kohn, general manager, WFMZ, Allentown, Pa.; and E. Z. Jones, WBBB-FM, Burlington, N. C., and Everett Dillard, president of the Continental Networks; all of whom indicated that as manufacturers of radio equipment and operators of FM stations, that they would be handicapped and employment reduced if the ban were continued.

UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING—DPC RENTALS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda met on alleged lobbying of the Department of the Army in behalf of universal military training and heard Hon. Kenneth S. Royall, Secretary of the Army; Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Parks, Chief, Public Information Division; Margaret Bannister, Chief, Women's Interest Unit; and Dr. Donald Timerman.

Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings met on charges of waste and mismanagement by Defense Plants Corporation and heard Allan Brown, James L. Kelehan, and Herbert R. Rutland, all officials in the Office of Defense Plants, RFC, formerly officials in Defense Plants Corporation, RFC, who discussed charges made by the General Accounting Office that Defense Plants Corporation had failed to maintain adequate controls over rentals due it from lessees of its war plants. Hearings continue tomorrow.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Committee continued hearings on the general question of United States foreign policy for a postwar recovery program and heard further testimony from Hon. Lewis W. Douglas, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, in favor of H. R. 4840. Hearing continues tomorrow.

HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

Committee on House Administration: Met in executive session.

CIVIL PROCEDURE—FOREIGN FIANCÉES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 conducted hearings on the "proposed amendments to Rules of Civil Procedure for the District Courts of the United States," and heard Hon. William D. Mitchell, of New York City, and Hon. Monty Lemann, of New Orleans, both of the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules for Civil Procedure.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization met in executive session and agreed to report favorably to the full committee four private bills; two private bills will be reported adversely. Also the Subcommittee agreed to recommend favorably to the full committee H. R. 4838 to extend the period of validity of the act to facilitate the admission into the United States of the alien fiancées or fiancés of members of the armed forces of the United States. The bill as amended proposes to extend the act for one year from December 31, 1947.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation continued hearings on H. R. 3194 to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, and heard Ronald B. Harris, of Fresno, Calif., representing the Irrigation Districts Association of California, who favored the objectives of H. R. 3194 and expressed opposition to the amendments suggested by the Bureau of Reclamation; Edson Abel, California Farm Bureau Federation testified in favor of H. R. 3194. Hearings continue on January 19.

BLACK MARKET

Committee on Public Works: Macy Subcommittee, investigating the black market, met in executive session and heard Norman J. Edelmann, president, Know-How, Inc., New York City, and Dorothy F. O'Keefe, his secretary, testify concerning black-market activities in steel and method of black-market operations.

FASCISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: Subcommittee on Fascism met in executive session.

VFW

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met and heard the legislative program of the VFW which was presented by the national legislative committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The committee also heard Omar B. Ketchum, director of legislative service, VFW, and J. Rufus Klawans, chairman, national legislative committee, VFW. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

AVIATION

Congressional Aviation Policy Board: The members of the Board met in executive session to discuss air transportation with emphasis on finances and financial conditions of commercial airlines.

Last night a subcommittee of the Board met to discuss the manufacturing of airplanes.

HOUSING

Joint Committee on Housing: Met on labor aspects of housing; apprentice training; wage stabilization; gypsum, paint, and varnish situation; industrialized and prefabricated housing. The committee heard William F. Patterson, director, and M. H. Hansen, assistant director, Apprentice Training Service, Department of Labor; William Tobin, National Association of Home Builders; Richard D. Gray, president, Building Trades Department, AFL; Ralph Yoder, Structural Clay Products Industry; Joseph Fitts, Heating, Piping, and Air Conditioning Contractors Association; William Glucas, National Association of Master Plumbers; Edward H. Herzberg, chairman, National Joint Committee of Apprentice Training of Electrical Industry; Col. Welton A. Snow, Associated General Contractors; I. J. Bickelhaupt, Byrne Organization, Washington; Darwin A. Chase, Cincinnati, Ohio; Harry H. Harman, Wilmington, Del.; and William Eichenbaum, Chicago, Ill.

Testimony was also received from representatives of U. S. Gypsum, National Gypsum, Celotex Corp., Newark Gypsum, Certain-teed Products, Inc., Sherwin-Williams Co., Richard Gray and committee of A. F. of L. building-trades department. Hearing continues to-morrow.

Thursday, January 15, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed military-justice bill.

Surplus property for Army training approved by Senate group.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, January 16, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

RFC LOANS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee continuing hearings on RFC heard Glenn L. Martin, president, Glenn L. Martin Co., on loans made by the RFC to the company presently outstanding at \$26,775,000, with an expectation for additional loan bringing it up to \$30 million. He explained that the need of the loan centered in the cost of the 202 commercial planes, and the falling away of a loan due to the financial difficulties of the air lines. James N. Niesley, vice president, Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, testified as to reasons why the New York banks found it impossible to provide

the Martin Co. with the credit needed and why in turn the Martin Co. applied to the RFC for the loan.

Also a study was made of the loan to Lustron Corp., Columbus, Ohio, totaling \$15,500,000 for prefabricated housing; E. S. Hogenson, Chicago Viteous Enamel Co., and Carl G. Strandlund, president, Lustron Corp., testified on the history of the negotiations leading up to the loan. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SURPLUS PROPERTY AND NOMINATIONS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The following two bills were approved for reporting to the Senate: H. R. 2239, amending Surplus Property Act of 1944, authorizing sale or lease to the State governments of surplus property for use in training civilian components of the Army, with amendment, and S. Res. 189, authorizing and limiting expenses of Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments.

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The nominations of Jess Larson, Oklahoma, to be WAA Administrator, and Rear Adm. Paul L. Mather, to be Associate WAA Administrator, were referred to subcommittee for study.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee continued hearings on the proposed European recovery program and heard Secretary of the Army Royall finish his testi-

mony in support of the proposal.

Secretary of Defense Forrestal also testified in support of the measure, pointing out that "Our objective in the present recovery program for Europe is the prevention of war. Neither this program nor our national defense expenditures are designed as a threat against any nation nor as an effort to restrain any nation or to dominate a group of nations. The policy of the United States, as I see it, is directed to the end that free nations shall be allowed to select their own governments, and that no one country or political concept shall be permitted by force to conquer the world.

"We need to maintain substantial military power, but I would rate the need for the restoration of the European community as equally strong." Hearings continue

tomorrow.

DISPLACED PERSONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization held executive hearings on displaced persons with several individuals representing various social agencies giving testimony concerning distribution of immigrants in this country and concerning

admission of displaced persons. Committee is scheduled to continue tomorrow.

VETERANS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: The National Committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars appeared before the Subcommittee on Veterans in executive session and presented its proposed general legislative program for veterans. The principal witness was Omar B. Ketchum, national legislative representative, VFW.

PAY INCREASE FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: In hearings before subcommittee on various bills (S. 1848, S. 1849, S. 1930, S. 1931, and S. 1949) providing pay increases for Government employees and postal-service men, various Representatives and Senators testified in support of pay increases. An official of the Bureau of Labor Statistics gave testimony on increased costs of living and the financial condition of Government employees.

In an afternoon session, postal-service men, appearing in behalf of clerks, letter carriers, and mail carriers, were unanimous in testifying as to their stated need for a \$1,000 minimum pay increase. Hearings continue

tomorrow.

INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee continued its hearings on S. 1685 and S. 1565, California Indian bills, hearing Norman Littell and Adam Costello, attorneys for the Mission Indians of California. Hearings were then adjourned until January 27, when additional witnesses will be heard.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fourteen public bills, H. R. 4978-4991; four private bills, H. R. 4992-4995; and three resolutions, H. Res. 429, and H. J. Res. 296 and 297, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Conference report on S. 1020, amending the Philippine Rehabilitation Act (H. Rept. 1241); and

Preliminary report, pursuant to H. Res. 176, 80th Congress, on Survey and Study of the Postal Service (H. Rept. 1242).

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Bill Referred: S. 1031, private claim bill, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Crow Indians: The Speaker appointed Representatives D'Ewart and Murdock as additional conferees on the part of the House to S. 1317, providing for leasing of trusts on restricted lands on Crow Indian Reservation, Mont.

Military Justice: Passed, by voice vote, H. R. 2575, a bill amending the Articles of War, to improve the administration of military justice, to provide for more effective appellate review, and to insure equalization of sentences. The measure, as sent to the Senate, is in substantially the same form as when it was reported by the House Committee on Armed Services, only a few minor amendments having been adopted.

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Special Orders: The following Members addressed the House:

Mr. Sikes, on the National Guard and Organized Reserves; Mr. Landis, on the Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947; and Mr. Mitchell, on the repeal of taxes and license fees on oleomargarine. Pages 222-226

Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on longrange farm program and heard Louis F. Herrman, economist, National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation, and Benjamin Marsh of the People's Lobby. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FRIGATE "CONSTELLATION"

Committee on Armed Services: Met and heard Capt. Ira H. Nunn, after which the committee voted to report favorably to the House, H. R. 4505, providing for the preservation of the frigate Constellation and authorizing disposition of certain replaced parts of such vessel as souvenirs.

MUSICAL-RECORDING BAN

Committee on Education and Labor: Committee met on the American Federation of Musicians investigation and heard Maj. E. H. Armstrong, WFFM, Alpine, N. J., professor of electrical engineering at Columbia University; and J. R. Poppele, president of the Television Broadcasters Association, who testified that they would be handicapped and employment reduced if the musicalrecording ban were continued. Hearing continues tomorrow.

DPC RENTALS-FOOD COMMITTEE

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings met on charges of waste and mismanagement by Defense Plants Corporation and heard William A. Hauck, Iron and Steel Division of War Assets Administration, who was connected with War Assets Corporation when it was under RFC, testify as to his reasons for reducing the rental paid by Republic Steel Corp. to Defense Plants Corporation for the lease of the DPC's South Chicago steel plant from October 1945 to December 31, 1946.

State Department Subcommittee met on the unauthorized transfer of 500,000 relief funds to the (Luckman) Citizens Food Committee and heard Willard L. Thorp, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, and Dallas Dort, his Special Assistant, both of whom testified concerning their knowledge of and the State Department's part in this transfer; William J. Sheppard, Bureau of the Budget, who described a meeting at the White House on October 6, when it was decided to use these funds; Arthur Focke, Bureau of the Budget,

testified regarding his meeting with the representative of the GAO for the purpose of obtaining the Comptroller General's approval of the transfer; and Colonel Stoebe, War Department employee, assigned to act as certifying officer for the Luckman Committee, who submitted a statement of the expenditures and obligations under the \$500,000 fund.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Committee continued hearings on the general question of United States foreign policy for a postwar recovery program and heard Hon. Lewis W. Douglas, U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain, conclude his testimony in favor of H. R. 4840; the committee also heard Secretary of Defense James Forrestal testify in favor of H. R. 4840.

POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met in executive session and agreed to adopt a preliminary report concerning a survey and study of the postal service.

The report outlines action taken by the committee to date with respect to the postal service and problems to be solved.

The committee estimates that at least \$50,000,000 can be saved annually in operating the postal service.

MINES AND MINING

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining met in executive session and discussed policy and future program.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds met and heard Commissioner W. E. Reynolds, Public Buildings Administration, who testified in favor of H. R. 3506, providing for the acquisition of a site for a new Federal building in Huntington, W. Va.; the committee also had up for consideration H. R. 4836, to authorize the purchase of a new post office site at Omaha, Nebr.; and H. R. 4967, to provide for the acquisition of a site and preparation of plan. and specifications for a new postal building and for remodeling of the existing main post office building in Portland, Oreg.; Commissioner W. E. Reynolds, Public Buildings Administration; Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Walter Myers, and J. F. Betterley, Superintendent, Division of Post Office Quarters, all of whom testified in favor of H. R. 4836 and H. R. 4967, after which the subcommittee voted to report all three bills favorably to the full committee. Subcommittee meets tomorrow.

FASCISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: Subcommittee on Fascism met in executive session.

Joint Committee Meetings

HOUSING

Joint Committee on Housing: Met on gray-market gypsum operations; industrialized housing; and private financing of housing. The committee heard Isadore Ginsburg, president, Transcontinental Lumber Corp., New York, discuss gray-market gypsum operations.

Andrew J. Higgins, New Orleans, La.; Fritz B. Burns, Kaiser Community Homes, Los Angeles, Calif.; and William J. Levitt, Manhasset, Long Island, N. Y., testi-

fied on industrialized housing.

Testimony on private financing of housing was presented by E. A. Mattison, Bank of America, San Francisco, Calif.; L. Douglass Meredith, executive vice president, National Life Insurance Co., Montpelier, Vt.; Guy Reed, vice president, Harris Trust Co., Chicago, Ill.; James W. Rouse, Moss-Rouse Co., Baltimore, Md.; Alfred Gross, Gross-Morton Co., New York; and Harry P. Ruppert, advisor to city, Rochester, N. Y.

W. Stuart Symington, Secretary for Air, testified regarding Air Force building-material purchases. Hear-

ings continue tomorrow.

Friday, January 16, 1948

HIGHLIGHT

Senate passed bill on Voice of America.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 228-243

Bills Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1988 to S. 2014 and S. Res. 190.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows: Interim report by Small Business Committee relating to steel supply and distribution (S. Rept. 825). Pages 234–235

Bill Referred: H. R. 2575, to amend the Articles of War to improve administration of military justice, was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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Philippines: Senate adopted conference report on S. 1020, Philippine Rehabilitation Act, to authorize pay for persons entitled to accumulated "annual leave to the maximum of 90 workdays."

Washington's Farewell Address: It was ordered that Washington's Farewell Address be read to the Senate on February 23 by Senator McMahon.

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Voice of America: The Senate passed, by voice vote, H. R. 3342, U. S. Information and Educational Exchange Act, after adopting committee amendments, together with the following amendments offered from the floor: An amendment by Senator Wherry on State Department reporting to Congress on costs and names of Federal personnel used, other than those of the State Department, for this program; Ball amendment on making information disseminated available to Members of Congress at request; Fulbright amendment to place

certain restrictions on control of Advisory Committee on Educational Exchange over scholarship exchanges; Ball amendment on utilization of private agencies for disseminating information; together with other perfecting amendments. For further details on bill as reported see page D4.

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Confirmation: Senate confirmed nomination of Mark Edwin Andrews, Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Navy.

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Nominations: The following nominations were received: Vincent C. Burke, Kentucky, to be Assistant Postmaster General; John R. Alison, Florida, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce; together with 3 U. S. attorneys, 4 U. S. marshals, 2 consul generals, 1 consul, 1 customs collector, 3 Circuit Court judges for Hawaii, 6 appointments in the Public Health Service, 3 in the Army, and 1,418 in the Coast Guard.

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Committee Meetings

RFC

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continuing its investigation of RFC, subcommittee heard the following witnesses: John D. Clark, member of President's Council of Economic Advisers; Earl Muir, president, Louisville Trust Co.; and Raymond Foley, Administrator of the Home and Housing Finance Agency.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee continued hearings on the proposed European recovery program, hearing John J. McCloy, president, and Eugene R. Black,

executive director, both of the International Bank, who testified for the plan, pointing out the relationship the International Bank would occupy in the program.

DISPLACED PERSONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee met in executive session to consider further the question of displaced persons.

ANTIDISCRIMINATION

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Committee met in executive session with Donald R. Richberg and Charles H. Tuttle, vice chairman, New York City Council on State Commission Against Discrimination, on S. 984, to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, religion, or color.

PAY INCREASE FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Hearings were continued before the subcommittee on S. 1848, S. 1849, S. 1930, S. 1931, and S. 1949, providing pay increases for Government employees and postal-service men, with testimony by Representatives Bloom, Hardy, and Dawson; officials of the Interstate Commerce Commission; Bureau of Labor Statistics; and various representatives of postal-service organizations. Hearings continue tomorrow.

WEST VIRGINIA SENATORIAL ELECTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections met in executive session to receive certain election records which were subpensed by the subcommittee in connection with the West Virginia senatorial election contest.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 19, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on long-range farm program and heard H. L. Mitchell, president, National Farm Labor Union, AFL; and George E. Johnson, president and general manager of Farm Crops Processing Corp. The committee also had under consideration the disposal of alcohol plants in Kansas City and Omaha, Nebr. Testimony on this subject was received from the following witnesses: Jess Larson, Administrator, WAA; J. B. Wycoff, Fiscal Branch, PMA; Dr. L. B. Howard, Chief, Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry, Agricultural Research Administration. Hearings continue on the long-range farm program on Monday.

AIR FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Full committee met in executive session for the continuation of the over-all report on the Department of the Air.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TEXTBOOKS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Health, Education, and Recreation (Public Welfare) met to discuss textbooks used in the District of Columbia schools and received testimony from Dr. Hobart M. Corning, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. R. O. Hughes, author.

MUSICAL-RECORDING BAN

Committee on Education and Labor: Committee met on the American Federation of Musicians investigation and heard James M. Murray, of the Recording Manufacturers; Richard Testut, vice president and general manager, Associated Programs Service; Gerald King, president, Standard Radio Transcriptions Services, Inc.; and Dr. Joseph E. Maddy, director of National Music Camp, Interlochen, Mich. Hearings continue on Monday.

UN-AMERICAN PARTIES

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections met on H. R. 4482, to bar un-American parties from the election ballot, and heard Robert L. Webb, national legislative commission, American Legion; Charles Foster, Disabled Veterans Association; Dr. Frank Gigliotti, Regular Veterans Association; Ray Sawyer, AMVETS; John C. Williamson, VFW; and Benjamin Davis, member of the Communist Party of America. Hearings continue Tuesday.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds met on H. R. 3795, to construct a new Federal Building at Los Angeles, Calif., and H. R. 4845, extension and improvement of post-office facilities at Los Angeles, Calif., and heard Representative McDonough; Michael Fanning, postmaster of Los Angeles, Calif.; W. E. Reynolds, Commissioner of Public Buildings; and J. E. Betterlay, Superintendent of Post Office Ouarters.

This meeting was a general discussion of Federal problems in Los Angeles brought about by the moving

of various industries and main offices to that area, the influx of population there during and since the war, and the question of sites in connection with the superhighways that are being built there at this time.

RULES—WAR CLAIMS—RECLAMATION

Committee on Rules: Heard Representatives Hinshaw, Hale, and Beckworth, of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, who favored a resolution providing consideration of H. R. 4044, a bill to amend the Trading with the Enemy Act, relative to creating a commission to make an inquiry and report with respect to war claims; and to provide for relief for internees in certain cases. Action on the resolution was postponed without prejudice.

Heard Chairman Welch and Representatives Rockwell, D'Ewart, Lemke, Murdock, Barrett, Fernandez, and Dawson, of the Committee on Public Lands, who favored a resolution providing consideration of H. R. 2873, a bill to amend certain provisions of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939. Action on the resolution was postponed without prejudice.

The committee will meet in executive session at 11 a. m., Monday, for further consideration of both resolutions.

AMERICAN LEGION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: The legislative program of the American Legion, as drawn up by the national legislative commission of the American Legion, was presented to the committee by Robert Colflesh, chairman, national legislative commission, and John Thomas Taylor, director, legislative service of the American Legion. Committee meets again on Monday.

INCOME TAX REDUCTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Committee met and heard Secretary of Treasury Snyder, who appeared in support of the President's recommendations as embodied in H. R. 4968. Mr. Snyder also favored the reimposition of an excess profits-tax law. Committee meets again Monday.

Joint Committee Meetings

HOUSING

Joint Committee on Housing: Met on industrialized housing; heating, piping, plumbing, and air conditioning; and building industries. The committee heard I. J. Bickelhaupt, Byrne Organization, Washington, D. C., discuss industrialized housing.

R. B. Miller, chairman, code committee, Volunteer Code of Fair Competition, New York; Lloyd Almecal, counsel to Miller Committee; and John Donnelly, secretary-treasurer, Enterprise Association, Local No. 638, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of U. S. and Canada, testified on heating, piping, plumbing, and air conditioning.

Testimony on building industries was presented by Arthur W. Binus, National Home & Property Owners Association; Edward R. Carr, president, National Association of Home Builders; Herbert U. Nelson, executive vice president, National Association of Real Estate Boards; Leon Scane, Baird & Warner, Chicago; William S. Drozda, St. Louis; Philip Klutznick, American Community Builders, Chicago; and Irving A. Blietz, I. A. Blietz Co., Skokie, Ill. Hearings continue on Monday.

Monday, January 19, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed 14 Calendar bills, and cleared "Voice of America" for President's signature.

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Bill for temporary extension of grain control for distillery purposes reported to Senate.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 286-301

Bills Introduced: Twenty-one bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2015–S. 2035; S. J. Res. 173–S. J. Res. 174.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 1842, to extend control of grain for distillery purposes from January 31 to February 29, 1948 (S. Rept. 826). Page 287

President's Message: The President submitted the following message to the Senate: Proposed Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1948, transferring U. S. Employment Service and the Bureau of Employment Security to the Department of Labor.

Pages 301, 303

Routine Session: The Senate met briefly and heard speeches by Senators Flanders and Knowland.

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Nominations: The following nominations were received: Rear Adm. Oscar C. Badger, to have grade, rank, pay, etc., of vice admiral while serving as commander, Naval Forces of Western Pacific, together with 65 other Navy nominations.

Committee Meetings

CCC CHARTER

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee opened hearings on S. 1322, to grant a Federal charter to the Commodity Credit Corporation, with the following Administration officials testifying in support of the legislation: N. E. Dodd, Under Secretary of Agriculture; Jesse Gilmer, president, CCC; and W. Carroll Hunter, solicitor for the Department of Agriculture. Hearings continue tomorrow with representatives of farm organizations.

ARMED SERVICES PROMOTIONS

Committee on Armed Services: In executive session committee heard Secretary of Army Royall, Secretary of Navy Sullivan, and Secretary of Air Forces Symington discuss promotions under the Officers' Personnel Act of 1947. No action was taken.

The committee received an invitation from the White House to meet in the afternoon with President Truman to discuss the nomination of Maj. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, to be chairman of the CAB. Full committee meets in executive session tomorrow to consider calendar bills.

DISTILLED SPIRITS-GRAIN

Committee on Banking and Currency: In executive session committee reported, with amendment, S. 1842, to extend control of grain for distillery purposes from January 31 to February 29, 1948.

HOUSING AND RENTS

Committee on Banking and Currency: In hearings on S. 1741, to provide for continuation of rent control, subcommittee heard two witnesses in support of rent control, and two in opposition. Testifying for were Harry Mopsick, Union County (N. J.) Federation of Tenants League, and Ray Sawyer, AMVETS; against were E. E. Branscombe, Florida State Apartment House Association, and Sidney Brass, Rooming House Owners Association of Newark, Ind.

On Saturday, January 17, in opening hearings on the bill, the subcommittee heard Secretary of Commerce Harriman and Tighe E. Woods, Housing Expediter, in support of continuing control. The following two witnesses also testified: Ewan Clague, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, and Franklin D. Richards, Commissioner of Federal Housing Administration.

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continuing hearings on price control and stabilization bills intro-

duced by Senators Capehart (S. 1873), Barkley (S. 1888), Taylor (S. 1923), and Morse (S. 1967), Ewan Clague, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, told the committee that "some prices have risen so high that they are out of line with other related prices and with their own previous levels. They are high because of urgent demand coupled with short supply." As supply increases in the long run, he added, "these prices are certain to decline in relation to others."

Ray Sawyer, national legislative director of AMVETS, asked the committee to establish temporary ceilings on food production and wholesale levels, especially meat and grain. He advised that if the temporary food ceiling system is to be made effective, penalty provisions should be stiff enough to insure maximum compliance. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee heard Bernard M. Baruch testify concerning his concept of the type of administrative set-up for carrying out the purposes of the European Recovery Plan. He favored the objectives of the plan, outlining 11 recommendations "to provide the foundations of economic stability" in the world on which to base world peace. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ANTILYNCHING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee met to consider S. 42, antilynching bill, and heard Senator Hawkes testify in support of the measure, and William Barry, Solicitor General of Tennessee, oppose it. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PAY INCREASE FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: On Saturday, January 17, subcommittee continued hearings on S. 1849, providing pay increases for postal-service men, with the following witnesses testifying in support thereof: Luther Steward, National Federation of Federal Employees; Charles I. Stengle, American Federation of Government Employees; B. A. Winquist, National Association of Rural Letter Carriers; Paul Castiglioni, National Federation of Motor Vehicle Employees, and heads of various postal unions.

Hearings on all of the pay increase bills (S. 1848, S. 1849, S. 1930, S. 1931, and S. 1949) were recessed subject to call of the subcommittee chairman.

IRRIGATION PROJECT-UTAH

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation met with the following witnesses to discuss S. 1990, to authorize completion of the Deer Creek and aqueduc: divisions of the Provo River project, Utah: Fisher Harris, general counsel, Provo River Water Users Association; and E. O. Larson, director, Stuart McMaster, counsel, and E. D. Eaton, assistant director, Operations and Maintenance, Fourth Region, for Bureau of Reclamation.

Subcommittee will open hearings on February 17 on S. 806, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act in order to promote the development of coal on the public domain.

BRIDGES

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors approved for reporting to the full committee the following two bills: S. 1545, to authorize bridge at Yorktown, Va., and S. 1611, to extend time for bridge construction at Sauk Rapids, Minn.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-eight public bills, H. R. 4996-5023; five private bills, H. R. 5024-5028; and five resolutions, H. Res. 430-433, and H. J. Res. 298 were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. Res. 430, rule providing for 3 hours' general debate and consideration of H. R. 2873, amending certain provisions of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (H. Rept. 1243); and

H. Res. 431, rule providing for 2 hours' general debate and consideration of H. R. 4044, amending the Trading with the Enemy Act, relative to war claims (H. Rept. 1244).

Bill Re-referred: H. R. 3239, amending section 4 of U. S. Employees Compensation Act of 1916, was re-referred from the Committee on the Judiciary to the Committee on Education and Labor.

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Presidential Messages: Two messages from the President were received as follows:

Annual report of Commission on Erection of Memorials and Entombment of Bodies in Arlington Memorial Amphitheater. Referred to Committee on Public Lands, and printed as House Document No. 500.

Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1948, recommending transfer of U. S. Employment Service and Bureau of Employment Security to the Department of Labor. Referred to Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments and printed as House Document No. 499.

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Consent Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Consent Calendar:

Irrigation and power: H. R. 3218, authorizing emergency fund for Bureau of Reclamation to assure continuous operation of its irrigation and power systems.

Indians: H. R. 2502, as amended, providing for general welfare and advancement of the Klamath Indians in Oregon.

Drainage projects: H. R. 3538, as amended, authorizing Bureau of Reclamation to investigate projects for reclaiming lands by drainage.

Veterans: H. R. 4141, extending for 2 years' time wherein eligible veterans may apply for gratuitous insurance benefits.

Oath of office: H. R. 3778, as amended, establishing record evidence of oath of office by a Member of the House of Representatives.

Physically handicapped: H. R. 4236, preventing discrimination against physically handicapped persons in the Federal Civil Service.

Insolvency: H. R. 3930, as amended, requiring creditors to accept plan for future payment of debts by insolvent wage earners.

Retirement benefits: S. 1324, extending Civil Service retirement benefits to employees of the National Library for the Blind.

Reservation transfer: H. R. 108, authorizing transfer of Fort Schuyler Military Reservation, N. Y., for nautical purposes.

Soldiers' Home: S. 929, in lieu of H. R. 2636, amending the regulations of the Soldiers' Home, in Washington, D. C.

Commemorative stamps: H. J. Res. 251, as amended, authorizing special issue of 5-cent postage stamps commemorating 100th anniversary of Swedish pioneers coming to the Middle West.

Rural carriers: H. R. 1189, allowing seniority privilege of transfer to certain vacancies on rural-carrier routes. National forests: H. R. 1809, facilitating use and occupancy of national forest lands in Alaska. Pages 316–325

Negro Hospital: Passed H. R. 3814, under suspension of rules, a bill to establish a hospital for Negro veterans in Franklin County, Va., the birthplace of Booker T. Washington. Construction costs of the hospital are estimated at \$5,000,000.

Voice of America: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 3342, U. S. Information and Educational Exchange Act, thus completing all legislative action. Pages 314-316

Pacific Commission: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. J. Res. 232, providing for United States participation in the South Pacific Commission, thus clearing bill for Executive action.

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Special Orders: Under special orders the following Members addressed the House:

Mr. Case of South Dakota, on our foreign policy and national oil situation; Mr. Rich, on 1948 national election; and Mr. Heselton, on national fuel-oil shortage.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Met on the long-range farm program and heard Frank Long, Fresno Chamber of Commerce, Fresno, Calif. Hearings continue tomorrow.

OIL—DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil met and received testimony of Secretary of Defense Forrestal. Hearing continues tomorrow.

Legal Subcommittee met and agreed to favorably report to the full committee H. R. 4901, exempting certain Navy and Coast Guard vessels of special construction from certain requirements as to the number, position, range, or arc of visibility of lights. Later the committee went into executive session to discuss the retirements for disability investigation.

MUSICAL RECORDING BAN

Committee on Education and Labor: Committee met on the American Federation of Musicians investigation and heard Frank Mullen, executive vice president, National Broadcasting Co.; Joseph A. Ream, executive vice president, Columbia Broadcasting Co.; Mark Woods, president, American Broadcasting Co.; Theodore Streibert, president of station WOR, and member board of directors, Mutual Broadcasting System. Hearings continue on Wednesday.

Subcommittee No. 6, met on H. R. 4650, to increase compensation for permanently disabled Federal employees, and heard 9 representatives of various postal and Federal employees' groups. Hearing continues tomorrow.

RULES-RECLAMATION-WAR CLAIMS

Committee on Rules: In executive session considered a resolution providing consideration of H. R. 2873, a bill to amend certain provisions of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939. A resolution providing 3 hours of general debate was ordered reported.

Committee, in executive session, also considered a resolution providing consideration of H. R. 4044, a bill to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act, as amended; to create a commission to make an inquiry and report

with respect to war claims; and to provide for relief for internees in certain cases. A resolution providing for 2 hours of general debate was ordered reported.

DAV

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: The legislative program of the Disabled American Veterans was presented to the committee by John L. Golob, national commander, DAV, and William E. Tate, National Director for Claims, DAV. Committee meets tomorrow.

INCOME TAX REDUCTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on individual income tax reduction and heard Secretary of Commerce Harriman, who discussed the volume of business investment and the sources of funds available for the financing of business needs and who recommended that the present level of taxation be maintained. James E. Webb, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, appeared and discussed the 1948 and the 1949 budgets.

The committee also received testimony from Commissioner George J. Schoeneman, of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Joint Committee Meetings

ECONOMIC REPORT

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: On Saturday, January 17, the committee heard a brief report from Charles O. Hardy, director of the staff, on points that might be covered in the committee's report to the House and Senate.

Chairman Taft was authorized by the committee to invite the Economic Council to meet with the committee in executive session to discuss the President's report.

The Chairman was authorized to introduce legislation necessary to extend the dead line on making the report to the House and Senate from February 1 to March 1. Committee has tentatively scheduled another meeting on January 27.

HOUSING

Joint Committee on Housing: Met and heard Representatives Javits, Graham, Muhlenberg, Hale, and Beckworth discuss needs of housing, also heard five witnesses on industry-engineered homes program; nine witnesses on industrialized housing; two witnesses on the potentialities of copper and brass in the housing situation. Eighteen representatives of groups and associations on housing also appeared and presented their views. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Tuesday, January 20, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed 66 private claims bills and debated reclamation project measure. Kuter's nomination to CAB rejected by Senate group.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

CCC CHARTER

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Continuing hearings on S. 1322, to grant a Federal charter to the Commodity Credit Corporation, committee heard John T. Sanders, National Grange; John H. Davis, National Council of Farmers' Cooperatives; and Russell Smith, National Farmers Union, speak in support of the legislation.

Frank H. Weitzel and W. L. Ellis, both assistants to the Comptroller General, and C. L. Simpson, Corporations Audit Division, GAO, discussed the work of the GAO in auditing the records of the CCC. Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS—MAJOR GENERAL KUTER

Committee on Armed Services: The committee reaffirmed the position it took a week ago in regard to the proposed appointment of Maj. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, as a member of the CAB, namely, that it does not approve the administrative practice of detailing personnel of the Armed Forces to civilian assignments and of rendering inoperative statutory wage limitations by special legislation.

Three hundred eighty-eight Army Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps nominations were approved for reporting to the Senate.

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee continued hearings on price control and stabilization bills (S. 1873, S. 1888, S. 1923, and S. 1967) with Col. Philip Smith, Procurement Department of the Army, and Rear Adm. W. M. Callaghan, Procurement Department of the Navy, being questioned by the committee on the use and distribution of oil and related matters. Thomas Kennedy, vice president, UMW, told the committee that he saw how wage controls worked when he was a member of the NLRB—"Wages were held but prices were not." He added that he did not believe price control

would work, and therefore was against it. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee heard John Foster Dulles testify in favor of the proposed European recovery program. He stated that the "Plan is not just a humanitarian enterprise—it is a step toward peace. So far as I can see, if we do not take that step, we shall not get peace." He also stated, "I judge that the European recovery program, along the lines proposed by Secretary Marshali, will probably succeed if it is adequately financed and well administered."

Also testifying for the plan were Eugene Meyer, chairman of the board, Washington Post, who answered what he called the principal contentions of the plan's opponents; Charles Hook, president, American Rolling Mills Co.; George F. Zook, president, American Council of Education; and Mrs. Kathryn H. Stone, first vice president, League of Women Voters. Guy I. Burch, director, Population Reference Bureau, also appeared. Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS AND CALENDAR BUSINESS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Committee held hearings on the following nominations: John R. Alison, Florida, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce; George E. Sterling, to be a member of the FCC; and Wayne Coy, Indiana, to be a member of the FCC.

In executive session the following matters were considered, but committee did not take final action on any of them: Three routine nominations of the Coast and Geodetic Survey; 1,400 nominations in the Coast Guard; the 3 nominations mentioned above, on which hearings were held today, and that of Dr. Walter M. Splawn, Texas, to be ICC Commissioner; S. J. Res. 172, to authorize vessels of Canadian registry to transport iron ore between U. S. ports on the Great Lakes; and S. J. Res. 173, to continue until July 1, 1949, the authority of the Maritime Commission to sell, charter, and operate vessels.

Senator Moore announced Interstate and Foreign Commerce Subcommittee hearings on H. R. 4051, Rizley-Moore bill to amend the Natural Gas Act, on February 4, 1948. Hearings were held in April and July of 1947 on Senator Moore's companion bill, S. 734.

ANTILYNCHING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee continuing hearings on S. 42, antilynching bill, heard Senator Morse, Representative Keating, and Mike Masaoka, representing the Japanese-American Citizens Association, testify in support of the bill. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INDIANS IN ARMED FORCES

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee met in executive session on H. R. 1113, removal of restrictions on

property of Indians in armed forces, but made no announcement.

BRIDGES

Committee on Public Works: Committee approved for reporting to the Senate the following two bills: S. 1545, to authorize bridge at Yorktown, Va., with amendment, and S. 1611, to extend time for bridge construction at Sauk Rapids, Minn.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-six public bills, H. R. 5029-5054; eight private bills, H. R. 5055-5062; and seventeen resolutions, H. Res. 434-444; H. J. Res. 299-303; and H. Con. Res. 131, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 5055, first omnibus bill from Committee on the Judiciary, relief of sundry claimants (H. Rept. 1245);

H. R. 4505, restoration and preservation of the frigate Constellation (H. Rept. 1246);

H. R. 4836, authorizing purchase of new post-office

site in Omaha, Nebr. (H. Rept. 1247);

H. R. 3506, providing for acquisition of site for new Federal building in Huntington, W. Va., adjoining existing Federal buildings (H. Rept. 1248); and

H. R. 4967, providing for acquisition of site and plans for new post office and remodeling of existing main post office in Portland, Oreg. (H. Rept. 1249).

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Bills Re-referred: Nine bills were ordered re-referred from the Committee on the Judiciary to the Committee on Armed Services.

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Private Calendar: Considered private claims bills on the Private Calendar and took the following action:

Passed without amendment: H. R. 387, 420, 560, 892, 1009, 1169, 1298, 1516, 1859, 1912, 1927, 2303, 2425, 2479, 2557, 3067, 3263, 3300, 3550, 3849, 3937, 4331, 4403; and S. 84, 99, 136, 166, 167, 185, 186, 187, 189, 190, 191, 192, 258, 298, 339, 851, 944, 957, 1039, 1043, and 1579.

Passed, amended: H. R. 358, 421, 896, 899, 927, 1139, 1286, 1572, 1653, 1747, 2009, 2218, 2250, 2269, 2489, 2729, 3039, 3061, 3159, 3224, 3742; and S. 1100.

Passed over without prejudice: H. R. 350 and 2697. S. 944 was passed in lieu of H. R. 2386, a companion

By unanimous consent H. R. 2268 and S. 664 were restored to the Private Calendar.

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Private Bills: House agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 3111, private claim bill, clearing it for President's signature. Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 1799, private claim bill, asked conference, and Messrs. Jennings, Case of New Jersey, and Cravens were appointed conferees.

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Presidential Message: House received Report of Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Problems, covering operations from April 1 to September 30, 1947. The report was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and printed as House Document No. 501.

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Committee Resignations: Received resignations of Mr. Price of Illinois from Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and Mr. Keogh from the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

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Committee Elections: Agreed to H. Res. 434, electing Mr. Price of Illinois to the Committee on the Armed Services, and H. Res. 435, electing Mr. Keogh to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

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Calendar Wednesday: By unanimous consent, the House dispensed with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, January 21.

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Reclamation and Irrigation: Adopted H. Res. 430, rule fixing time for debate and consideration of amendments to H. R. 2873, amending the Reclamation Project Act of 1939. The effect of this bill is to amend the act in such way as to include among the purposes to which the estimated costs of proposed Federal reclamation projects may be allocated for certain additional purposes, such as recreation, salinity control, and silt control; to permit certain allocations for fish and wildlife preservation; to provide for the reimbursability of operation and maintenance costs attributable to nonreimbursable purposes; and to reduce interest rate required to be returned on the power investment from 3 to 2½ percent per

annum. A fixed period of years within which the power investment in Federal reclamation projects is to be returned, is specified.

All time allotted for general debate was consumed, and further consideration was postponed. Pages 349-367

Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House:

Mr. Lane, on salary increases for postal employees; and Mr. Bradley, on American maritime labor and the European recovery program.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Met on long-range farm program and heard Joe Clorety, national secretary, American Veterans Committee; and Albert S. Goss, master, the National Grange. Hearings continue tomorrow.

OIL

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil met and heard Max Ball, Chief, Oil and Gas Division, Department of the Interior. Hearings continue tomorrow.

D. C. ARMORY—ABC SALARIES

Committee on District of Columbia: Judiciary Subcommittee met on various armory bills and H. R. 4649, providing that the pay of members of the D. C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Board be fixed in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923. D. C. Commissioner J. R. Young and Allen W. Payne, Chairman, ABC, both appeared and testified in favor of H. R. 4649.

Commissioners J. R. Young, Guy Mason, and Gen. Gordon Young, testified in favor of H. R. 4366, to rename and transfer the D. C. Armory from the Interior Department to the District of Columbia. Gen. Albert Cox testified in favor of H. R. 4956, establishing a D. C. Armory Commission for the control of armories in the District. Joseph C. McGarraty appeared in favor of H. R. 4988, to establish control and jurisdiction of the D. C. Armory.

Harry S. Wender, Chairman, D. C. Recreation Board, discussed general armory legislation and presented suggested amendments. Testimony was also received from Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant; T. S. Settle, of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission; and Irvin Root, Superintendent, National Capital Parks.

DISABLED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES—GSI

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee No. 6 met on H. R. 3239 and H. R. 4650, increasing compensation for permanently disabled Federal employees, and heard Representative Keating; William McCauley, Director, U. S. Employees Compensation Commission;

Lewis Hines, legislative representative, AFL; and Foster J. Pratt, president, Technical Engineers.

Special Subcommittee to Investigate Government Services, Inc., Strike heard Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach; Allen Johnston, Federal Works Agency; Oscar Chapman, Assistant Secretary of Interior; Robert Ayres, Manager, GSI; Charles E. Sands, AFL Restaurant Workers; and three police officers.

OKLAHOMA ORDNANCE WORKS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Surplus Property Subcommittee met in executive session and appproved for reporting to full committee a report on disposition of steam plant at Oklahoma Ordnance Works, Chouteau, Okla.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Continued hearings on the general question of United States foreign policy for a postwar recovery program and heard Hon. Will Clayton, former Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs; Hon. Lewis W. Douglas, U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain; and Secretary of the Army Royall. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UN-AMERICAN PARTIES

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections met on H. R. 4482, to bar un-American parties from the election ballot, and heard Raymond P. Whearty, Special Assistant to Attorney General Clark; Chat Patterson, chairman, American Veterans Committee; and Carl Beruefly, representing American Civil Liberties Union.

PETROLEUM-WEATHER BUREAU

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in executive session to discuss petroleum situation. Following the executive session, the committee conducted a public hearing on H. R. 4426, to provide basic authority for certain functions and activities of the Weather Bureau, and heard W. F. McDonnell, Assistant Chief for Administration, Weather Bureau, testify in favor of the bill with proposed amendments. H. R. 4426 was ordered favorably reported, with amendments, to the House. Committee meets tomorrow.

POSTAL SAVINGS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee on Banking Functions of the Post Office Department met on H. R. 4879, to reduce interest rate on postal savings deposits from 2 percent to 1 percent per annum, and heard A. Lee M. Wiggins, Under Secretary of the Treasury; Charles Kocher, Superintendent, Postal Savings Division, Post Office Department; Roy North, Deputy Third Assistant Postmaster General; Abner

Ferguson, legislative counsel, U. S. Savings & Loan League; and Arthur W. Sands, president, Western State Bank of St. Paul, Minn., representing the American Bankers Association.

Later the subcommittee ordered H. R. 4879 favorably reported to full committee.

POLLUTION CONTROL

Committee on Public Works: Met in executive session and directed chairman to appoint Special Subcommittee on Pollution Control. Subcommittee to consist of seven members who will consider bills of pollution control now pending before committee, then make their recommendation as to legislation.

Committee ordered favorably reported to House H. R. 3506, providing for the acquisition of the site for a new Federal building in Huntington, W. Va.; H. R. 4836, to authorize the purchase of a new post office site at Omaha, Nebr.; and H. R. 4967, providing for the acquisition of a site for a new postal building and for remodeling existing main post office building in Portland, Oreg.

The committee also announced public hearings starting January 29 before the Subcommittee on Roads on H. R. 4867 and H. R. 4868, amending the Federal Aid Road Act to authorize appropriations for continuing the postwar construction of highways.

VETERANS' INSURANCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee met on new bill on veterans' insurance (H. R. 5045, to amend the National Service Life Insurance Act to protect the insurance against lapse by crediting to the insured, dividends from the excess of premiums over death costs chargeable thereto, and by automatic payment of premiums from the accumulated credits), and heard Herman L. Ekern, insurance attorney of Chicago, Ill., and Harry W. Breining, Assistant Administrator for Insurance, Veterans' Administration. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: In Executive session the committee considered Commission and Staff reports devoted to atomic energy activities since the end of the first session. Reports on security and operating matters at various installations were also discussed. Committee meets again tomorrow.

HOUSING

Joint Committee on Housing: Committee, continuing its study of housing, discussed public agencies related to housing, hearing the following witnesses: Senator O'Conor; Raymond Foley, Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency; Franklin D. Richards, Acting Commissioner, FHA; Curt Mack, Assistant Commissioner for FHA appraisals; Asa B. Groves, Chief, Appraisal Division, VA; and John Taylor Egan, Acting Commissioner, PHA. Representative Forest A. Harness discussed PHA publicity and propaganda in San Diego; Gen. John Thomas Taylor, American Legion, pleaded to let disabled veterans displace high-income occupants of public housing projects. Hearings continue tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Daily Digest, 1947, p. D508)

H. R. 1426, extending veterans' preference benefits to widows and mothers of certain ex-servicemen. Signed January 19, 1948 (P. L. 396).

H. R. 3146, to require Secretary of War to survey for run-off and water-flow retardation and soil-erosion prevention on watersheds when surveying waterways. Signed January 19, 1948 (P. L. 397).

H. R. 4055, increase pension rates for Indian war veterans and dependents thereof. Signed January 19, 1948 (P. L. 398).

Wednesday, January 21, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Civil Service retirement bill made Senate unfinished business. House continued consideration of reclamation projects bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2036–S. 2047; and S. J. Res. 175–S. J. Res. 176.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1545, to authorize bridge at Yorktown, Va., with amendments (S. Rept. 827).

S. 1611, to extend time for bridge construction at Sauk Rapids, Minn. (S. Rept. 828).

Report of the Joint Committee on Nonessential Federal Expenditures relating to Federal personnel, October to November 1947 (no written report).

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Presidential Messages: The President transmitted the following two messages to the Senate: A protocol for extension until October 1, 1948, of the Inter-American Coffee Agreement (Executive A)—referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; it was agreed to remove the injunction of secrecy on this treaty; and

Report of the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Problems—referred

to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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Civil Service Retirement: S. 637, Civil Service retirement bill, was made the unfinished business. Senator Taft presented an amendment to the bill, which was ordered to be printed and to lie on the table.

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Conference on Private Bill: The Senate agreed to a conference on H. R. 1799, a bill for the relief of Eva L. Dudley, and appointed as conferees: Senators Wiley, Cooper, and McCarran.

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D. C. Soldiers' Home: Senate accepted House amendment to S. 929, providing regulations for Soldiers' Home, Washington, D. C., clearing the bill for the White House.

Nominations: The following nominations were received: Five appointments to be members of the Board of Directors of RFC; together with 35 other civilian appointments; 13 Navy; and 4 Marine Corps.

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Committee Meetings

CCC CHARTER

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: After receiving testimony from witnesses today on S. 1322, to grant a Federal charter to the Commodity Credit Corporation, the committee agreed that the chairman appoint a subcommittee to review all testimony taken on this subject and report back to the full committee its recommendations as to proposed changes submitted during the hearings.

Today the committee heard Frank H. Weitzel, Assistant to the Comptroller General, and J. R. Blakemore, Corporations Audit Division, GAO, submit proposed amendments to the bill (S. 1322) as a result of their work in auditing the records of the Corporation. N. E. Dodd, Under Secretary of Agriculture; Jesse Gilmer, President of the CCC; and K. A. Brasfield, Treasurer of the CCC, discussed the changes proposed by the GAO.

The subcommittee appointed by the chairman on S. 1322 includes Senator Aiken, Chairman, and Sena-

tors Young, Thye, Ellender, and Hoey. This subcommittee meets again tomorrow in executive session.

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continuing hearings on the price control bills (S. 1873, S. 1888, S. 1923, and S. 1967), the committee heard Mrs. Annie Stein, National Women's Trade Union League of America, state that women are "holding on to the incontestable fact that we have had price control and that it worked. We want you to exercise the power we have given you to bring price control back." Mrs. Joseph Lowe, National Council of Jewish Women, urged "haste upon Congress in passing legislation for the control of prices."

Wilbur LaRoe, Jr., general counsel, National Independent Meat Packers Association, testified against rationing, stating that there was no scarcity of meat and therefore rationing could be used to get more meat to the people only by controlling prices. If distribution of meat were limited through the number of stamps given out, the supply of meat would be backed up and prices would be forced down at the expense of the farmers and packers. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee continued hearings on the proposed European recovery program, hearing testimony favoring the legislation from James F. O'Neil, national commander, American Legion, who stated that our most important instruments to combat communism at this moment are the "constructive principles of what has generally been known as the Marshall Plan of Approach to European Rehabilitation, and our active policy in the Balkans." Also testifying for the plan were: Ray H. Branaman, commander in chief, VFW; Oren Root, Jr., national planning committee, AVC; and Ray Sawyer, national legislative director, AMVETS of World War II.

Henry Hazlitt, financial editor of Newsweek, criticized the plan. He stated: "We must have a clear-cut foreign policy before we attempt to implement it. The Marshall plan, as I see it, is an attempt to implement a foreign policy that is still so nebulous that most Americans do not know what it is. Our first step is to think through this policy. And it will not do to say, for example, merely that the main purpose of our foreign policy is to halt communistic aggression, or to 'contain' Russia. This may be a principle for a policy; but a policy would be an outline of the means of containment." Hearings continue tomorrow.

ANTILYNCHING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 42, antilynching bill, receiving testimony in support of the bill from Charles Houston, chairman

of the National Legal Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and Albert E. Arent, chairman of the executive board of the National Capital Chapter of the American Jewish Congress. Subcommittee meets again on this bill on January 27.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-nine public bills, H. R. 5063–5091; five private bills, H. R. 5092–5096; and four resolutions, H. Res. 445 and 446, and H. J. Res. 304 and 305, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Report on disposition of steam plant at Oklahoma Ordnance Works, Chouteau, Okla. (H. Rept. 1250).

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Philippines: House adopted conference report on S. 1020, authorizing payment of \$12,000,000 for expenses of Philippine War Damage Commission, relating to annual leave of certain employees.

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Reclamation and Irrigation: Under the 5-minute rule, considered amendments to H. R. 2873, amending the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, and rejected all proposed changes offered on the measure. After 4 hours of deliberation further consideration was postponed.

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Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House:

Mr. Plumley, on his pamphlet, "Making of a Congressman"; Mr. Rees, of Kansas, on the report of the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service; and Mr. Multer, on certain remarks in the Congressional Record.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on long-range farm program and heard Albert S. Goss, master, the National Grange, and Dr. J. T. Sanders, legislative counsel, the National Grange. Hearings continue tomorrow.

OIL-MEDICAL CLAIMS-LEAVE CREDIT

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil met in executive session and received testimony of General Lutes and Admiral Carney.

Subcommittee No. 10, Pay and Administration, met in open hearings on H. R. 3540 and H. R. 1275, authorizing payment of claims for medical care and treatment of personnel of armed services in certain cases; and H. R. 3253, authorizing leave credit for officers of armed services and reserves who were deprived thereof in certain instances; representatives of the Navy Department testified in behalf of H. R. 1275 and H. R. 3253, while representatives of the War Department testified in behalf of H. R. 3253.

Later the committee voted to table H. R. 3253 and to recall H. R. 3540, which it had previously voted to report favorably to the full committee, and to substitute in lieu thereof H. R. 1275 with amendments.

MUSICAL-RECORDING BAN

Committee on Education and Labor: Committee met on the American Federation of Musicians investigation and heard James C. Petrillo, president, American Federation of Musicians. Hearings will continue tomorrow.

OKLAHOMA ORDNANCE WORKS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Met and adopted a report of the Surplus Property Subcommittee dealing with disposition of a steam power generating plant of the Oklahoma Ordnance Works near Chouteau, Okla.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Continued hearings on the general question of United States foreign policy for a postwar recovery program, and heard Secretary of the Treasury Snyder and Secretary of Commerce Harriman. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PRINTING

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Printing met in executive session.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met on H. R. 4427, to provide basic authority for the performance of certain functions and activities of the Department of Commerce, and received testimony from W. F. McDonald, Assistant Chief for Administration, Weather Bureau; K. F. McClure, Office of the Solicitor, Department of Commerce; C. F. Lample, Director, Air Navigation Facilities Service, Civil Aeronautics Administration; S. W. J. Welch, administrative officer, Central Radio Propagation Laboratory, National Bureau of Standards; and Commander John A. Bond,

Assistant to the Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey; all of whom testified in favor of the legislation.

STOWAWAYS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization met on H. R. 3953, antistowaway bill, and heard Joseph Mayper, chairman and counsel, Trans-Atlantic Passenger Conference; A. U. Krebs, National Federation of American Shipping, Inc.; Capt. S. F. Cummings, representing American Merchant Marine Institute; Glen I. Dugan, Master Mariners Guild; Capt. William C. Ash, vice president of the National Organization of Masters, Mates, and Pilots of America; and Walter E. Maloney, of the American Merchant Marine Institute.

INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Indian Affairs met on S. 1133 and H. R. 3110, regarding per capita payments to Fort Berthold Indians, and heard John O. Hjelly, administrative assistant to Senator Young, in favor of S. 1133; William Zimmerman, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, appeared in opposition to the legislation; Martin Cross, representative of three affiliated tribes of North Dakota, appeared in favor of the legislation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

VETERANS INSURANCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee met on H. R 5045, amending the National Service Life Insurance Act, and heard Herman L. Ekern, insurance attorney of Chicago, Ill., and Harry W. Breining, Assistant Administrator for Insurance, Veterans' Administration. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INCOME-TAX REDUCTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Met on H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction and discussed various provisions of the bill, then read the bill in part for amendments. Hearing adjourned, subject to call of Chair.

Joint Committee Meetings

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee met with members of the Atomic Energy Commission for the first time this session for the purposes of discussing general data with regard to the Eniwetok test area, and its long-range programs.

HOUSING

Joint Committee on Housing: Met and heard Robert M. Morgan, chairman, committee on mortgage investments, National Association of Mutual Savings Banks, and vice president, 5-cent Savings Bank of Boston, Mass.; and T. Gregory Sullivan, National Association of Cooperative Banks, Boston, Mass., on relations of New England financial interests and housing.

John C. Green, Director, Office of Technical Services, Department of Commerce, discussed technical develop-

ments related to housing.

Raymond Sawyer and William A. Shattuck, national housing chairman, both representing AMVETS; Robert Carter, American Veterans' Committee; Omar B. Ketchum, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Charles E. Foster, Disabled American Veterans; and Walter E. Alessandroni, chairman, national housing committee, American Legion; all of whom presented the veterans' views on housing. Hearings continue on January 28.

Thursday, January 22, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed reclamation-projects bill by vote of 232 to 120. Sixteen Armed Service bills approved by Senate group.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, January 23, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

CCC CHARTER

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Subcommittee on S. 1322, to grant a Federal charter to the Com-

modity Credit Corporation, met in executive session and considered the 10 points which the GAO recommended be followed in granting such charter. Subcommittee recessed subject to the call of the chairman.

ARMED SERVICE BILLS APPROVED

Committee on Armed Services: Committee in executive session approved the following bills for reporting to the Senate: S. 1214, Holloway plan amendments, to facilitate administrative procedures under the Naval

Officers Training Act; S. 1298, to validate certain payments for shipment of household effects of civilian employees, with amendments; S. 1470, medical care for Reservists, with amendments; S. 1521, to detail scientific and technical employees of the Armed Services to duty in privately owned plants and laboratories, with amendments; S. 1528, to authorize acceptance and use of gifts, etc., to schools, hospitals, museums, etc., under War and Navy Departments; S. 1673, private bill; S. 1783, retention in service of disabled Army personnel; S. 1791, transfer of lands at Camp Phillips, Kans.; S. 1794, reflecting pool at Houston, Tex.; S. 1796, preservation of the Constellation, with amendment; S. 1799, protection of service uniforms; S. 1800, Naval Academy chapel crypt and window spaces; S. 1802, medal of honor to unknown American soldier; S. 1961, exempt Navy and Coast Guard vessels from requirement of certain navigation lights; H. R. 774, disposition of condemned ordnance equipment; and H. R. 3645, exchange of properties in Gettysburg National Military Park.

HOUSING AND RENTS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continuing hearings on S. 1741, to provide for continuation of rent control, subcommittee heard the following witnesses testify in support of the legislation: Omar Ketchum, VFW; Richard Hawkins, AVC; Bruce Waybur, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers; and Mrs. Rena Cohen, National League of Women Shoppers.

The following witnesses opposed continuation of rent control: William E. Russell, Metropolitan Fair Rent Committee, New York; Walter H. Freygang, Essex Fells, N. J.; John E. Owen, president, National Apartment Owners Association; and Ray Thompson, president, Tacoma Real Estate Board, Washington.

Edward F. Garlitts, Jr., Yardley, Pa., suggested various changes if rent controls were continued. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RFC

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee concluded hearings on RFC today, after receiving testimony from John D. Goodloe, Chairman of the RFC, who directed his statement as a reply to testimony given by various witnesses who have already appeared, emphasizing his support for the continuation of the RFC. The following letters were read into the record: Jesse Jones, in reply to inquiries made of him by the committee; FDIC, on the advisability of RFC making loans on preferred stock, and from Robert A. Dineen, superintendent of insurance, New York, advocating power of the RFC to purchase preferred stock. Daniel Mangall, Jr., staff member, filed an analysis of 83 letters in reply to the questionnaires sent to members of the 31 RFC advisory committees.

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PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee heard William Green, president, AFL, testify on the price control and stabilization bills (S. 1873, S. 1888, S. 1923, and S. 1967). He told the committee that the country is faced "with an imperative necessity to resort to temporary emergency measures which would effectively help in restoring balance to our economy. * * * I wish to make it clear that we concur with many of the specific recommendations made by the President to the emergency session of Congress and reiterated in his message on the State of the Union." He then analyzed the various recommendations presented by the President for which the AFL stood.

The committee met at 7:30 p. m. to hear members of the National Grain Trade Council testify on the same proposed legislation.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee continued hearings on the proposed European recovery program, hearing supporting testimony by William J. Donovan, New York City; H. W. Brown, International Association of Machinists; Mrs. Margaret F. Stone, National Women's Trade-Union League of America; Luther Gulick, president, Institute of Public Administration, New York; Robert P. Patterson, chairman, Committee for the Marshall Plan; and Ralph McGill, editor, Atlanta Constitution.

A letter from former President Hoover was read into the record endorsing the purposes of the plan with certain stated "modifications and further safeguards," linking these proposals with nine suggestions for lightening the burden upon American economy.

Henry J. Taylor, radio commentator, testified in opposition to certain aspects of the plan. Hearings continue tomorrow.

REA PERSONNEL

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee studying the qualifications of employees and classification of jobs in REA received statements from Claude R. Wickard, Administrator, John K. O'Shaughnessy, head engineer, and several other representatives of REA. A letter was read into the record from a former employee of REA, Claude W. Eppard, of Laverne, Minn., charging domineering tactics and political activity by the REA over REA cooperatives. Mr. Eppard is being requested by the subcommittee to appear on February 5 to substantiate these charges, at which time Representatives Taber and Andresen will be invited to attend the hearing, inasmuch as they also received copies of this letter. Background qualifications and duties of the engineer staff of REA were also discussed.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Sixteen public bills, H. R. 5097-5112; three private bills, H. R. 5113-5115; and three resolutions, H. Res. 306 and 307, and H. Con. Res. 132 were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 4838, extending until December 31, 1948, the validity period of the act to facilitate admission into the United States of alien fiancés or fiancées of members of the United States armed forces (H. Rept. 1253);

Report from Committee on Post Office and Civil Service entitled, "Survey and Study of the Civil Service"

(H. Rept. 1254);

H. R. 1022, private relief bill (H. Rept. 1255); and H. R. 4426, providing basic authority for certain functions and activities of the Weather Bureau (H. Rept. 1256).

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House Employees: Reported, considered, and agreed to H. Res. 410 (H. Rept. 1251), and H. Res. 432 (H. Rept. 1252), authorizing payment of 6 months' salary and \$250 toward defrayment of funeral expenses to estates of recently deceased House employees. Page 436

Reclamation and Irrigation: Passed, by a vote of 231 yeas to 121 nays, H. R. 2873, a measure amending certain provisions of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939. As reported from the Committee on Public Lands, the bill was designed to extend the policy of retirement of Government loans on reclamation projects from 50 to 78 years, and reduce the interest rate on these power investments from 3 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent, with 2 percent being paid into the U. S. Treasury, and one-half of 1 percent being used to defray irrigation costs.

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Public Lands, offered by Mr. Elliott, was adopted by a vote of 211 yeas to 153 nays. This motion contained instructions to amend the provisions of the measure to restore the amortization period for investment loans from 78 years to 50 years, and require initiation of new projects to be undertaken by the Secretary of the Interior only after provision therefor had been made by act of Congress enacted after the Secretary had submitted to the President and the Congress the report and findings involved.

These amendments were adopted by the House, 220 yeas to 134 nays, after they had been accepted by the Committee on Public Lands.

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Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House:

Mr. Engel of Michigan, on conditions of U. S. Army camps in the Near East; Mr. Smith of Wisconsin, on the Marshall Plan; and Mr. Klein, on embargo of arms shipments to Palestine.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Concluded public hearing on long-range farm program by hearing Dave Thompson, agricultural consultant, Grocery Manufacturers of America, and Elmer H. Sexauer, vice president, United States Chamber of Commerce, Brookings, S. Dak.

OIL—VESSEL RECONVERSION

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil met in executive session.

Subcommittee No. 4, Heavy Munitions, met on H. R. 4721, removing the statutory limit of appropriation expenditures for changes or repairs on naval vessels, and received testimony from Vice Adm. Earle W. Mills, Chief, Bureau of Ships. Later the subcommittee voted to favorably report to the full committee H. R. 4721.

MUSICAL-RECORDING BAN

Committee on Education and Labor: Committee met on the American Federation of Musicians investigations and heard Milton Diamond, general counsel, American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada, and J. Wharton Gootee, Chester, Pa. Meeting adjourned, subject to call of Chair.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Continued hearings on the general question of United States foreign policy for a postwar recovery program and heard Secretary of Agriculture Anderson and Secretary of the Interior Krug. Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT—U. S. FLAG LINE

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in executive session to consider H. R. 4427, to provide basic authority for the performance of certain functions and activities of the Department of Commerce, which was ordered favorably reported to House as amended.

The committee then conducted a public hearing on H. R. 4428, U. S. Flag Line system, and heard John Sherman, executive secretary, Air Coordinating Committee; Theodore P. Wright, Administrator, Civil

Aeronautics Administration; Glen A. Gilbert, Chief of Technical Mission, Civil Aeronautics Administration; Norman A. Stoll, Chief, Legislative Section, Office of the Solicitor, Department of Commerce; and W. F. McDonald, Assistant Chief for Administration, Weather Bureau; all of whom appeared in favor of the legislation.

Later the committee met in executive session to consider fuel and Alaskan reports. Committee meets tomorrow.

IUDICIAL ACTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Met in executive session and ordered the following four bills favorably reported, with amendments, to the House:

H. R. 2860, provides protection by registration of designs for textile fabrics.

H. R. 3366, permits public libraries to acquire back copies of Patent Office records upon payment of \$50 for each year's records desired.

H. R. 1878, denies admission to United States of persons suspected of being subversive.

H. R. 4838, extends the act facilitating the admission into the United States of the alien fiancés or fiancées of members of the armed forces of the United States for I year from December 31, 1947.

The committee voted to table two private immigration bills and ordered five reported favorably to House. Nineteen private claims bills were ordered reported.

CIVIL SERVICE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met in executive session and adopted a preliminary report entitled, "Survey and Study of the Civil Service." This report recommends, "that the Appropriations Committees consider a provision in all appropriation bills stating that after September 30, 1948, no part of the funds shall be used to fill positions with personnel having war service appointments, as long as there are qualified, displaced, career-service employees, or qualified eligibles on a civil-service-examination register available for such positions."

INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Indian Affairs met on various Indian bills and ordered the following bills reported to full committee: S. 1133, authorizing per capita payments to Fort Berthold Indians; H. R. 4027, sale of equipment, Fort Peck project, Mon-

tana; S. 310, patent in fee to Jonah Williams; S. 311, patent in fee to Charles Ghost Bear; S. 312, patent in fee to Charles Kills the Enemy; and S. 805, authorizing construction and maintenance of Indian school, Roosevelt, Utah.

T. R. Witmer, attorney for Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior; William Zimmerman, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, testified on H. R. 4027.

On S. 310, S. 311, and S. 312, testimony was presented by William Zimmerman and Theodore Haas, attorney for Bureau of Indian Affairs. Mr. Zimmerman testified against S. 805, while Senator Watkins and Representative Granger appeared in favor of the bill. Hearings continue tomorrow.

VETERANS' INSURANCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee continued hearings on H. R. 5045, amending the National Service Life Insurance Act, and heard Herman L. Ekern, insurance attorney, of Chicago, Ill., and Harry W. Breining, Assistant Administrator for Insurance, Veterans' Administration.

Joint Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET

Joint Committee of Legislative Budget: At an organization meeting of the members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees, Senator Bridges was selected as chairman of the Legislative Budget Committee.

A subcommittee consisting of five members of each of the four committees was designated to consider the proposals submitted to them by the full committee. The subcommittee will study these proposals and report back their recommendations.

The subcommittee membership consists of Senators Gurney, Brooks, McKellar, and Hayden of the Senate Appropriations; Representatives Taber, Wigglesworth, Plumley, Cannon, and Mahon from House Appropriations; Senators Millikin, Butler, Taft, George, and Barkley of Senate Finance; and Representatives Knutson, Reed of New York, Woodruff, Doughton, and Cooper from House Ways and Means, with Representative Jenkins serving as an alternate for Representative Knutson.

Friday, January 23, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Civil Service Retirement and distilled spirits bills. Senate group approved nomination of D. C. Commissioner.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 464-469

Bills Introduced: Thirteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2048 to S. 2060.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1528, to authorize acceptance and use of gifts, etc., to schools, hospitals, museums, etc., under War and Navy Departments (S. Rept. 829).

S. 1470, medical care for Reservists, with amendments

(S. Rept. 830).

S. 1802, Medal of Honor to unknown American

soldier (S. Rept. 831).

S. 1214, Holloway plan amendments, to facilitate administrative procedures under the Naval Officers Training Act (S. Rept. 832).

S. 1521, to detail scientific and technical employees of the Armed Services to duty in privately owned plants and laboratories, with amendments (S. Rept. 833).

S. 1783, retention in service of disabled Army person-

nel (S. Rept. 834).

S. 1961, exempt Navy and Coast Guard vessels from requirement of certain navigation lights (S. Rept. 835).

S. 1791, transfer of lands at Camp Phillips, Kans. (S. Rept. 836).

S. 1673, private bill (S. Rept. 837).

S. 1298, to validate certain payments for shipment of household effects of civilian employees, with amendments (S. Rept. 838).

S. 1796, preservation of the Constellation, with amend-

ment (S. Rept. 839).

S. 1794, reflecting pool at Houston, Tex. (S. Rept. 840).

S. 1800, Naval Academy chapel crypt and window

spaces (S. Rept. 841).

S. 1799, protection of service uniforms (S. Rept. 842). H. R. 774, disposition of condemned ordnance equipment (S. Rept. 843).

H. R. 3645, exchange of properties in Gettysburg

National Military Park (S. Rept. 844).

H. R. 2239, authorizing sale or lease to State governments of surplus property for use in training civilian components of the Army (S. Rept. 845).

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Distilled Spirits—Grain: Passed S. 1842, to extend control of grain for distillery purposes from January 31 to February 29, 1948.

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Civil Service Retirement: Senate passed H. R. 4127, to liberalize annuities and benefits for Federal employees, after striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting the Senate-approved version of S. 637. Before substituting the language of S. 637 for that of H. R. 4127, the Senate modified the reported version of it by adopting a substitute amendment by Senator Taft as modified by various perfecting amendments.

The Senate-passed bill proposes to reconcile the differences between the reported version of S. 637 and the House-approved version of H. R. 4127, which have held up the passage of improvements to the existing Civil Service Retirement Law. As passed, it would provide a new formula for computing annuities; eliminating tontine payments; provide for cost-of-living adjustments to retired Government employees; provide annuities for widows and children of employees who died in service, though at a reduced rate; together with other changes in existing law.

The Senate then asked for a conference with the House over the differences in the two versions and appointed the following Senators as conferees: Langer, Baldwin, Taft, Chavez, and Johnston (South Carolina).

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Board of Visitors to Naval Academy: The President pro tempore announced appointment of the following Senators to the Board of Visitors to the Naval Academy: Robertson (Wyoming), Saltonstall, Tydings, and Byrd.

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Calendar Bills and St. Lawrence Seaway: The Senate made the consideration of unobjected-to bills on the Calendar, followed by the St. Lawrence seaway (S. J. Res. 111), the unfinished business of the Senate.

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Confirmations: The Senate confirmed en bloc approximately 400 nominations, including lieutenant generals and major generals in the Army; lieutenant generals, major generals, and brigadier generals in the Air Force; major generals in the Marine Corps; and various ranking officers in the Navy.

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Nominations: The Senate received 603 Marine Corps nominations and 18 civilian.

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Committee Meetings

GRAIN TRADING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee heard ex-Governor Harold Stassen, and Edwin Pauley, special assistant to Secretary of Army, discuss commodity trading by Mr. Pauley in connection with the committee's investigation of commodity speculations. The committee continued in an evening session.

RFC LOANS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee met in executive session with Henry Kaiser and officials of the RFC, including John D. Goodloe, to consider the proposed loan to the Fontana Steel Plant in California. The committee took no action on the matter, but Chairman Tobey stated that the responsibility for making any such loan is with the RFC.

HOUSING AND RENTS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 1741, to provide for continuation of rent control, with the following five witnesses testifying for the continuation: Boris Shishkin, AFL; Frank Dorso, Akron, member of Mayor's Committee on Housing, and member CIO local; Herbert Bearman, Executive Secretary, Emergency Committee on Rent and Housing, New York City; Benjamin Marsh, People's Lobby; and Stephen B. Haynes, Tenants' Committee, New York City.

R. L. Vanderslice, Chicago Residential Hotel Association, and Robert W. Dowling, president, City Investing Co., testified agaist continuation of rent control.

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee continued hearings on the price control and stabilization bills (S. 1873, S. 1888, S. 1923, and S. 1967), with the following three witnesses testifying against controls: L. Baline Liljenquist, Western States Meat Packers Association, Inc.; F. E. Mollin, executive secretary, American National Livestock Association, and Dr. Walter Spahr,

economists, National Committee on Monetary Policy. Mrs. Frances Clafter, National League of Women Shoppers, and Leslie S. Perry, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, testified in favor of the legislation to roll back prices.

In an evening session last night the committee heard the following witnesses against rationing and price controls: Dinsmore Worthing, Boston, Mass.; Walter C. Berger, Chicago; and Colin S. Gordon, Chicago; all representing the National Grain Trade Council. Hearings continue January 26.

D. C. COMMISSIONER

Committee on the District of Columbia: Committee approved the nomination of Guy Mason, to be D. C. Commissioner, after hearing proponent and opponent witnesses. Representatives of the following groups testified in support of the nomination: Randle Highland Citizens' Association; Ft. Davis Citizens' Association; Lincoln Park Citizens' Association; Dupont Circle Citizens' Association; Executive Secretary of Washington AFL; president and former president of Federation of Citizens' Associations; Mrs. Leslie Wright, a citizen; and others. Testifying against the nomination were: Dr. Clark Foreman, Southern Conference for Human Welfare; a representative of Teachers' Branch of Local No. 3 of UPW of the CIO; Thomas Richardson, of the National Office of the UPW of the CIO; executive secretary of the Washington CIO; a representative of the Women's Auxiliary of the UPW of the CIO; and a representative of the Washington League of Women Shoppers.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee heard testimony favoring the proposed European recovery program from Curtis Calder, chairman, Electric Bond & Share Co.; William Green, president, AFL; and the following two members of the Harriman Committee: Dr. Calvin B. Hoover, Durham, N. C., and Paul Hoffman, chairman of the Committee for Economic Development. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

TEXTBOOKS—STARLINGS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Health, Education, and Recreation (Public Welfare) met in executive session to consider textbook study. In open meeting, the subcommittee heard Dr. Lytle S.

Adams, author, discuss District of Columbia starlingelimination program.

VOICE OF AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in executive session on Mundt Subcommittee report on study made abroad (Voice of America).

U. S. FLAG LINE

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continued public hearings on H. R. 4428, U. S. Flag Line system, with testimony, in favor of the legislation, being

presented by Capt. Ethridge Grant, Navy Department; Robert Ramspeck, executive vice president, and Milton W. Arnold, vice president, both of Air Transport Association of America; D. W. Rentzel, president, Aeronautical Radio, Inc.; J. Paul Barringer, associate chief, Office of Transport and Communications.

COPYRIGHTS—STOWAWAYS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights heard the following witnesses who testified in support of H. R. 4931, to increase copyright fees: Representative Johnson, of Indiana; Sam B. Warner, Register of Copyrights; Fulton Brylawski, representing Motion Picture Association of America, Inc., and National Association of Book Publishers; Karl Fenning and J. Howard Flint, attorneys at law; Bryce Rea, attorney, National Association of Broadcasters. The bill was ordered favorably reported to the full committee with slight changes.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization considered and agreed to recommend, as amended, H. R. 3953, relating to stowaways. A clean bill, showing the amendments, will be reported to the full committee. Also reported favorably on six private Senate immigration bills, and recommending one unfavorably.

CIVIL SERVICE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Sadlak Subcommittee held open hearing on H. R. 967, a bill to authorize compensation for employees for unjust removal or suspension from the classified civil service. The following witnesses were heard on the legislation: Representative Lewis, of Ohio; John Overholt, Chief, Efficiency Rating, Administrative Section, Civil Service Commission; James B. Burns, president, AFGE; Harry Hayden, legislative representative, American Legion; Luther C. Steward, president, NFFE; A. E. Onthank, Department of the Army; George MacElroy, VFW; E. C. Hallbeck, postal-clerk representative; and Thomas Walters, director of operations, Government Employees Council, AFL. The offices of the above-listed witnesses are located in Washington, D. C. It was agreed by the subcommittee to write a clean bill and continue discussions on the measure.

INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Indian Affairs met and ordered reported to the full committee five bills granting patents in fee, as follows: S. 313, to Calvin W. Clincher; S. 402, to James Black Dog; S. 499, to Mrs. Bessie Two Elk-Poor Bear; S. 500, to Tom Eagleman; and S. 542, to Mrs. Ella White Bull. Also ordered reported S. 522, authorizing sale of lands of L'Anse Band of Chippewa Indians, Michigan. Assistant Commissioner William Zimmerman, Bureau of Indian Affairs, was the only witness appearing on the above-mentioned legislation.

VETERANS EDUCATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Education, Training, and Rehabilitation met on investigation of contracts between the Veterans' Administration and Columbia Technical Institute of Washington, D. C., and heard Emery Jones, L. M. Hoover, Wendell Ealy, and Francis A. Gilliam, students, and Paul J. Leverone, principal, Columbia Technical Institute; H. B. Stirling, Assistant Administrator for Rehabilitation, Veterans' Administration; Patrick Neville, assistant manager, Washington Regional Office, Veterans' Administration; and A. L. Monk, Director of Training Facilities, Veterans' Administration. Hearings continue on January 30.

EMPLOYMENT TAX-SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session on H. J. Res. 296, to maintain status quo in respect of certain employment taxes and social security benefits pending action by Congress on extended social-security coverage. Committee meets Monday in executive session.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed 31 bills on call of Calendar and opened debate on St. Lawrence Seaway.

House passed bill authorizing payment of war claims by sale of enemy assets.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2061-2073 and S. J. Res. 177.

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Bills Passed: On call of the calendar, 31 unobjected-to bills were passed as follows:

Army-Navy Procurement: H. R. 1366, to facilitate procurement of supplies and services by the War and Navy Departments, with amendment.

Indian School: S. 1485, to authorize disposition of certain lands acquired for Indian School in New Mexico.

Seminole Indians: S. 1733, to authorize payment to

members of Seminole Indian Tribe.

Osage Indians: H. R. 3326, to provide for granting certificates of competency to members of Osage Indian Tribe in Oklahoma, with amendment.

Indian Liquor Law: H. R. 1049, to repeal certain In-

dian liquor laws in parts of Minnesota.

Osage Indians: H. R. 3322, rights-of-way through re-

stricted Osage Indian land, with amendment.

Delaware Indians: H. R. 2361, authorizing filing of actions in State courts to quiet title to lands between U. S. and Delaware Indians, with amendment.

Indian Land: H. R. 3153, disposition of certain submarginal lands on Indian reservations in Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota; with amendment.

Fort Peck Project: S. 1591, transfer of certain electrical equipment at Fort Peck project, Montana.

Bridge: S. 1611 construction of bridge across Sauk Rapids, Minn.

Bridge: S. 1545, to authorize bridge at Yorktown, Va., with amendment.

Naval Officers' Training: S. 1214, Holloway plan amendments, to facilitate administrative procedures under the Naval Officers Training Act, with amendment.

Disabled Personnel: S. 1783, retention in service of

disabled Army personnel, with amendment.

Naval Vessels: S. 1961, exempt Navy and Coast Guard vessels from requirement of certain navigation lights.

Medal: S. 1802, Medal of Honor to unknown Ameri-

can soldier.

Reserves: S. 1470, medical care for Reservists, with amendments.

Technical Employees: S. 1521, to detail scientific and technical employees of the Armed Services to duty in privately owned plants and laboratories, with amendments.

Camp Phillips: S. 1791, transfer of lands at Camp Phillips, Kans., with amendment.

Household Effects: S. 1298, to validate certain payments for shipment of household effects of civilian employees, with amendment.

"Constellation": S. 1796, preservation of the Constel-

lation, with amendment.

Reflecting Pool: S. 1794, reflecting pool at Houston, Tex.

Naval Academy: S. 1800, Naval Academy chapel crypt and window spaces.

Ordnance Equipment: H. R. 774, disposition of condemned ordnance equipment.

National Park: H. R. 3645, exchange of properties in Gettysburg National Military Park.

Service Uniforms: S. 1799, protection of service uniforms.

Private Bills: The following six private claims bills: S. 400, S. 401, S. 773, S. 1407, S. 1517, and S. 1673.

Bills Indefinitely Postponed: S. 551, private bill, was

indefinitely postponed.

Bills Cleared for President: Of the bills passed above, H. R. 3645 was cleared for the White House.

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Private Bill: It was agreed to discharge the Senate Judiciary Committee from further consideration of S. 1336, private bill.

Indians: Senator O'Daniel entered a motion to reconsider H. R. 1049, Indian liquor law repeal in parts of Minnesota.

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St. Lawrence Seaway: Senate opened debate on S. J. Res. 111, providing for the self-liquidating of the St. Lawrence Seaway and approving certain provisions of an agreement on the same subject between the U. S. and Canada.

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Presidential Message: A letter was received from the President expressing his hope that Congress will enact the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway legislation. This letter was ordered to lie on the table.

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Civil Service Retirement: Senator Taft received consent to be replaced on the conference committee on H. R. 4127, to liberalize annuities and benefits for Federal employees. The President pro tempore named Senator Flanders to serve in his stead.

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Nominations: Senate received the following nominations: Gen. Omar Nelson Bradley, to be Chief of Staff, U. S. Army; M. S. Szymczak and Thomas Bayard McCabe, to be members of the Federal Reserve Board; together with 1 judge, 155 Army nominations, and 410 postmasters.

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Committee Meetings

GRAIN TRADING

Committee on Appropriations: On Saturday, subcommittee heard ex-Governor Harold Stassen and Edwin Pauley, special assistant to the Secretary of the Army, continue their discussion of commodity trading by Mr. Pauley in connection with the committee's investigation of commodity speculations.

EUROPEAN CONDITIONS

Committee on Appropriations: In executive session on Saturday, committee met with General Clay to discuss European conditions.

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee continued its hearings on various price control and stabilization bills (S. 1873, S. 1888, S. 1923, and S. 1967) with John B. Veach, National Lumber Manufacturers Association, testifying that "the lumber manufacturing in-

dustry is unalterably, eternally, and rightfully opposed to the reimposition of controls—be they price, allocation, or otherwise; be they partial, half-hearted, or whole hog." E. Bruce Hill, president, E. M. Hill Lumber Co., Pittsburgh, stated that his company was opposed to the renewal of price control, "whether that control be considered at the producer, wholesale, or retail level. The industry is likewise opposed to any system of allocation or rationing as it might be applied to building materials." R. S. Douglass, Weyerhaeuser Sales Co., St. Paul, told the committee that "* * price control will not be effective in producing housing lumber at low prices." Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOUSING AND RENTS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee on Housing and Rents heard Tighe E. Woods, Housing Expediter, explain the experiences of the Office of Housing Expediter in the administration of the Housing and Rent Law of 1947, in connection with its hearings on the continuation of rent control as set forth in S. 1741,

S. 2001, S. 2014, and S. 2015.

On Saturday the committee heard John E. Owen, president, National Apartment Owners Association, Los Angeles; Cloyd W. Miller, Cleveland; and Paul Bellamy, president, Hillcrest Terrace Corp., Rapid City, S. Dak., testify against rent control. John W. Edelman, Washington representative, Textile Workers Union of America, CIO; and Donald Montgomery, Washington representative, UAW-CIO, testified in support of rent control. William E. Spicer, secretary, Suitland Cooperative Management, Inc., informed the committee that "As we see it, what is needed in the best interest of the country, the landlords, and the tenants, is a gradual decontrol of rents under a program which will protect the landlord by enabling him properly to care for his property and, at the same time, protect the tenant against unwarranted and unfair gouging."

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Continuing hearings on the proposed European recovery program, committee heard R. W. Gifford, chairman of the board of Borg-Warner International Corp., and Clark W. Eichelberger, American Association for the UN, testify in support of the plan. James G. Patton, National Farmers Union, and Arthur Schutzer, American Labor Party, were critical of the plan.

On Saturday the following witnesses testified: Merwin K. Hart, president, National Economic Council; Paul A. Porter, member, National Board of Americans for Democratic Action, and former Special Ambassador to Greece; Herbert Lehman, for the American Jewish Committee; Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck, president, General Federation of Womens Clubs, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Donald R. Burgess, president, Maryland State Division, American Association of University Women; and Prof. Mildred B. Northrop, Bryn Mawr College, representing Women's Action Committee for Lasting Peace. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PAY INCREASES FOR GOVERNMENT **EMPLOYEES**

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Hearings were continued before the subcommittee on S. 1848, S. 1849, S. 1930, S. 1931, and S. 1949, providing pay increases for Government employees and postal-service men, with various Federal workers, members of CIO local, most of whom are employed by the Veterans' Administration in cosmopolitan New York City, testifying in support of pay increases for themselves, relating their own and other hardship cases.

On Saturday the committee received testimony on the same bills from Senator Watkins, Representatives Poulson, Battle, and Davis (Georgia), and officials of the State, Labor, Agriculture, Commerce, Post Office, Treasury Departments, GPO, Civil Service Commission, United Cafeteria Workers, FTC, St. Elizabeths, and Gallinger Hospital.

ARABIAN-AMERICAN OIL

Special Committee to Investigate the National Defense Program: Harold Ickes, and Philip K. Davies, former Petroleum Administrator for War, appeared before the committee on Saturday, in connection with the Arabian-American oil situation, and discussed the organization and workings of the Petroleum Administration for War and the excessive prices the Navy paid for oil purchased from the Arabian-American Oil Co. Committee meets again January 29.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-nine public bills, H. R. 5116-5144; seven private bills, H. R. 5145-5151; and six resolutions, H. Res. 447, H. J. Res. 308 and 309, and H. Con. Res. 133-135, were introduced. Pages 579-580 Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Twelve private claims bills, from Committee on the Judiciary: S. 1411; H. R. 380, 697, 2214, 2914, 3089, 3425, 3427, 1929, 2427, 3968, and 4443 (H. Repts. 1257-1268); H. R. 2000, for relief of Jeffersonville flood control dis-

trict in Indiana (H. Rept. 1269);

General study of national fuel situation from Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce (H. Rept.

1270); and

H. R. 4478, providing basic authority for certain administrative expenses in the Veterans' Administration (H. Rept. 1271).

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Bills Referred: S. 1842, limiting grain for distillation purposes, was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

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Presidential Vetoes: Returned, without signature of approval, H. R. 645 and H. R. 3754, private relief bills, which were referred back to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Civil Service Retirement: House disagreed to Senate amendment to H. R. 4127, to liberalize annuities and benefits for Federal employees, and agreed to conference asked by the Senate. Representatives Rees, Stevenson, Butler, Murray of Tennessee, and Lyle were appointed as House conferees.

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War Claims: Passed by voice vote, H. R. 4044, creating a commission to inquire and make a report to the President with respect to war claims; and providing relief for certain war internees. This legislation, amending the Trading With the Enemy Act, as favorably reported from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, would permit liquidation by the Government of approximately \$250,000,000 worth of impounded German and Japanese property which was seized in this country. Of the proceeds, a total of nearly \$50,000,000 would be paid in emergency relief to American civilians who were interned, injured, or killed during Japanese invasion of Guam, Midway, Wake, or in the Philippines. Such relief would include payments, at a maximum rate of \$37.50, for each week of detention, plus disability and death payments, not to exceed \$7,500.

An amendment, offered by Mr. Hinshaw, extending time for submission of Presidential report from March 31, 1948, to January 3, 1949, and an amendment, offered by Mr. Van Zandt, to authorize processing of claims to begin 6 months after the President makes his report to

Congress, were adopted by the House.

H. Res. 431, rule fixing 2 hours' general debate and consideration of amendments to the bill, was previously adopted by the House.

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Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Bulwinkle, on the President's message on the State of the Union; Mr. Jenkins of Ohio, on the Marshall Plan; and Mr. Sadowski, on the European relief program.

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Committee Meetings

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Foot and Mouth Disease met to discuss establishment of research

laboratory for study of foot-and-mouth disease; also considered H. R. 5098, to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct research on foot-and-mouth disease and other diseases of animals and to amend the act of May 29, 1884 (23 Stat. 31). The committee heard Dr. I. A. Galloway, Director and Scientific Secretary, British Foot and Mouth Disease Research Committee, Pirbright, England; Dr. Jacob Traum, professor of veterinary science, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.; and Dr. B. T. Simms, chief, Bureau of Animal Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture; all of whom appeared in favor of the legislation. Hearing continues tomorrow.

GRAIN ALLOCATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met on H. R. 4987, S. 1842, H. J. Res. 290, H. J. Res. 294, and H. J. Res. 300, all pertaining to the temporary extension of authority to allocate the use of grain for the production of distilled or neutral spirits for beverage purposes.

Charles F. Brannan, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, appeared in favor of the legislation; Representatives Morton and Chelf, both of Kentucky, presented proposed amendments to provide against unemployment in the distilling industry and to insure an equitable allocation of grain. Hearings continue tomorrow.

GSI STRIKE

Committee on Education and Labor: Hoffman Subcommittee met on GS. strike and endeavored in their meeting to obtain the facts as to whether the Administration is trying to force GSI to bargain with a union whose officials will not sign the anti-Communistic affidavits proposed in the Taft-Hartley Act, and heard William F. Tyson, solicitor of the Labor Department; Alfred Bernstein, director of negotiations for the international UPW, CIO; Robert M. Denham, general counsel for the National Labor Relations Board; Lila Pollin, secretary to Archer Stein, vice president of the international UPW; and Joseph Forer, attorney for Mr. Bernstein.

FUEL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Conducted a public hearing to hear Members of Congress on bills introduced by them and pending before the committee, and heard the following Members:

Mr. Bartlett on H. R. 4816, amending the Public Health Service Act so as to provide a minimum allotment of \$250,000 to each State for the construction of

hospitals.

Mr. Rankin on H. R. 4983, prohibiting the transportation in interstate commerce of advertisements of alcoholic beverages.

Mr. Combs on H. R. 4356, to provide for the establishment of a Federal research agency to provide technical and research assistance to the fire-fighting services of the Nation.

Mr. Simpson of Illinois on H. R. 4582, directing the Chief of the Weather Bureau to conduct experiments with respect to methods of controlling rainfall.

Mr. Clason on H. R. 4695, amending the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937, to provide full annuities, at compensation of half salary or wages, for persons who have completed 30 years of service.

Mr. Kersten of Wisconsin, on H. R. 4758, controlling the export to foreign countries of certain critical com-

modities.

Mr. Priest on H. R. 4852, to establish a National Science Foundation.

Mr. Buck on H. R. 4903, amending the Trading with the Enemy Act.

The committee also met in executive session on January 24 and 26 to consider the proposed report on the fuel situation, which was approved by the committee and reported to the House on January 26.

ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTITIONERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Met on H. R. 2657, the administrative practitioners bill, and heard Spencer Gordon, representing American Institute of Accountants; Mathias F. Correa, representing New York State Society of CPA's; Representative Poulson, representing Society of Public Accountants; Henry S. Koepcke, chairman, legislative committee, Texas Association of Public Accountants; and John W. Scott, attorney, representing a group of practitioners before U. S. Patent Office; all of whom testified in opposition to the bill.

STEEL

Committee on Public Works: Macy Subcommittee to Investigate Black Markets met on the dealings of Albert Bennett-Fey, alias Adams Haye, in the purchase of black market steel, and heard Philip J. Kurens, president of

Hillside Metal Products, Richmond Hill, N. Y., who was accompanied by Arthur S. Lowell, his attorney; and Julius Klein, vice president, Caloric Stove Corp., Philadelphia, Pa., who was also accompanied by Hirsh W. Stalberg, his attorney.

VA EXPENDITURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met on H. R. 4478, to provide basic authority for certain administrative expenditures for the Veterans' Administration, and heard Guy H. Birdsall, assistant administrator for legislation, Veterans' Administration; S. M. Moore, Jr., director, Budget Service, Veterans' Administration.

Later the committee voted unanimously to report the bill favorably to the House. Committee meets tomorrow.

INCOME-TAX REDUCTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session on H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction. Meeting continues tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

SALMON-ALASKA

Joint Meeting of Subcommittees: Senate Subcommittee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and House Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, in open hearings on S. 1446 and H. R. 3859, to authorize leasing of salmon-trap sites in Alaskan waters, heard M. G. White, Solicitor for the Interior Department, and Philip D. McBride, Pacific-American Fisheries, Inc., testify in support of the legislation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Tuesday, January 27, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Income-tax reduction bill for 1948 reported to House.

Maritime bills and various nominations approved by Senate groups.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations met in executive session, after

which it was announced that it would hold open hearings on Tuesday, February 3, on reclamation.

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continuing hearings on the price control bills (S. 1873, S. 1888, S. 1923, S. 1967, and S. 2023), the Committee heard Russ Nixon, UE-CIO; C. W. Fowler, Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers of America-CIO; and Hoyt S. Haddock, executive secretary, CIO Maritime Commit-

tee, favor a continuation of price control "to halt runaway prices." Prof. Paul M. O'Leary, economist, Cornell University, stated, "I do not believe it is realistic to suppose that we can deal with the present serious inflation problem by a restoration of the detailed wartime controls which made up what we call the wartime stabilization program." Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Continuing hearings on the proposed European Recovery Program, committee heard testimony on the advantages and disadvantages of the program from George C. Tenney, acting editor, The Electrical World; Norman Thomas, chairman, Postwar World Council; Walter White, secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Mrs. Joseph Willen, National Council of Jewish Women; Bernard Weitzer, Jewish War Veterans of USA; and Carlton Koepge, Sandusky, Ohio. A statement from Robert Moses, Department of Parks, NYC, was read into the record. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MERCHANT MARINE

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Approved for reporting to the Senate S. J. Res. 172, to authorize vessels of Canadian registry to transport iron ore between U. S. ports on the Great Lakes during 1948; and S. J. Res. 173, to continue to July 1, 1949, the authority of the Maritime Commission to sell, charter, and operate vessels, with an amendment to deny the Commission authority to sell or charter ships foreign.

FCC, ICC, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE NOMINATIONS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: In executive session, committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John R. Alison, Florida, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce; George E. Sterling, Maine, to be FCC Commissioner; Wayne Coy, Indiana, to be Chairman of the FCC; Walter W. Splawn, Texas, to be ICC Commissioner; 13 routine nominations for the Coast and Geodetic Survey; and approximately 1,400 Coast Guard appointments.

OIL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: In executive session, the Oil Shortage Subcommittee re-

ceived a report from J. C. Richdale, Jr., Chairman of the Oil Industry Committee.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee met on the nominations of Cable A. Wirtz, Albert M. Cristy, and Willson C. Moore, to be circuit courts judges of Hawaii.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: I. S. Falk, Director, and Wilbur J. Cohen, Assistant Director, Bureau of Research and Statistics of Social Security Administration, testified on S. 1320, to provide a national health insurance and public health program; the discussion was directed especially toward compulsory insurance.

NOMINATION—REA PERSONNEL—COAST GUARD

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Committee unanimously approved for reporting to the Senate the nomination of Vincent C. Burke, to be Assistant Postmaster General.

After hearing testimony from Arthur Gladstone, Arlington, Va., and Lazard Seiff, who wished to have recommitted to the committee H. R. 1389 to disallow benefits under the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 to auxiliary Coast Guard patrol, the committee affirmed its previous action in favorably reporting this bill.

Subcommittee studying the qualifications of employees and classification of jobs in REA heard further testimony regarding REA practices from Claude R. Wickard, Administrator; William J. Neal, Deputy Administrator; and Harry Edmunds of Minnesota, speaking for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

CALIFORNIA INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee continued hearings on the California Indian bills (S. 1685 and S. 1565), with officials of the Interior Department testifying.

ARABIAN OIL

Special Committee To Investigate the National Defense Program: Committee met in executive session, after which it announced hearings on Thursday, January 29, on the Arabian-American oil question.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Sixteen public bills, H. R. 5152–5167; four private bills, H. R. 5168–5171; and two resolutions, H. Res. 448 and 449, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Report of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce entitled "Transportation in Alaska" (H. Rept. 1272);

H. R. 1915, private claim bill (H. Rept. 1273);

H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill, majority and minority views (H. Rept. 1274);

H. R. 3366, furnishing back copies of U. S. patents to public libraries (H. Rept. 1275).

Bills Referred: Twenty-two bills, passed by the Senate on Monday, January 26, were referred to appropriate House committees.

Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 449, electing Representative Regan to the Joint Committee on the Library.

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Indian Bills: House concurred in Senate amendments to the following bills from the Committee on Public Lands, completing legislative action:

H. R. 3326, issuing certificates of competency to certain members of the Osage Indian Tribe, Oklahoma.

H. R. 3322, rights-of-way through Osage Indian land. H. R. 2361, clarifying legal status of lands described in treaty with United States and Delaware Indians in 1818.

H. R. 3153, providing for sale of submarginal lands on Indian reservations in Montana.

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Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House:

Mr. Javits, on the Palestine question; Mr. Mahon, on witnesses appearing before Subcommittee on Military Appropriations; Mr. Harness of Indiana, on publicity and propaganda in executive departments; Mr. Mason, on the Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947; and Mr. Sadowski, on old-age insurance legislation.

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Committee Meetings

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Foot-and-Mouth Disease continued the discussion on the establishment of a research laboratory for the study of foot-and-mouth disease, and heard Dr. R. E. Shope, Rockefeller Institute, New York City; Dr. Harry W. Schoening, Bureau of Animal Industry; Dr. M. S. Shahan, senior veterinarian, Bureau of Animal Industry, Mexico; J. T. Sanders, the National Grange; Joseph Montague, general attorney, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association; and Will J. Miller, livestock sanitary engineer, State of Kansas.

DISABILITY-RETIREMENT POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Legal Subcommittee met in executive session and agreed to commence public

hearings next week on the subject of retirement for disability.

Policy Subcommittee met in executive session and agreed to report the following bills favorably to the full committee:

H. R. 3279, removes 2-year limitation on the length of tours of duty of Army personnel in Asia, China, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and the Canal Zone.

H. R. 4034, authorizes Secretaries of War and Navy to accept certain gifts.

H. R. 5035, authorizing attendance of U. S. Marine Band at the Eighty-second National Encampment of G. A. R. in Grand Rapids, Mich., on September 26–30, 1948.

H. R. 4312, a private bill.

Various War Department representatives appeared before the Policy Subcommittee in behalf of the above bills.

GRAIN ALLOCATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met on various bills pertaining to the temporary extension of authority to allocate the use of grain for the production of distilled or neutral spirits for beverage purposes, and heard three representatives of the distilling industry; two representatives of the Hotel, Restaurant Employees, and Bartenders Union, of the AFL; a representative of the liquor dealers; and a representative of the WCTU.

Later, in executive session, the committee decided not to report any grain-allocation legislation.

CITIZENS' FOOD COMMITTEE

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: State Department Subcommittee met on unauthorized use of relief funds for the (Luckman) Citizens' Food Committee, and heard Frank H. Weitzel, Assistant Comptroller General, who testified relative to the general duties of the GAO and their position in approving the transfer.

Edwin L. Fisher, general counsel for the GAO, testified regarding his part in approving the transfer and certain statements which he made after the transfer was approved.

Harry S. Barger, of the staff of the House Appropriations Committee, testified relative to certain admissions made to him by Mr. Fisher after the transfer was approved and his reasoning for concluding that the transfer was not legal.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Resumed hearings on the general question of United States foreign policy for a postwar recovery program and heard Phillip D. Reed, chairman, Board of Directors, General Electric Co.; and Henry Hazlipp, author of Will Dollars Save the World? Hearings continue tomorrow.

ACCOUNTS

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Accounts met in executive session.

FUEL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continued public hearings on the fuel situation, and heard the Hon. William C. Foster, the Under Secretary, Department of Commerce.

AGENCY REVIEW ORDERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Met in executive session with the Attorney General, Hon. Tom C. Clark, to discuss the provisions of three bills, H. R. 1468, H. R. 1470, and H. R. 2271, with respect to review orders of certain agencies and the incorporation into the Judicial Code of provisions of certain statutes relating to three-judge district courts.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Public Lands met on H. R. 2725, creating a commission relative to payments in lieu of taxes on Federal property; H. R. 4980, acquisition of lands within Glacier National Park; H. R. 4823, school facilities at Yellowstone National Park; H. R. 3628, revise methods of issuing patents; H. R. 4513, to eliminate the requirement of oaths in certain land matters.

The Committee heard Representative Reeves, who testified in favor of H. R. 2725; Judge Harry M. Gambrill, of Jackson, Mo., also testified in favor of H. R. 2725.

Conrad L. Wirth, National Park Service, appeared in favor of H. R. 4980 and H. R. 4823.

Jacob N. Wasserman, Legal Department, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, testified for H. R. 3628 and H. R. 4513.

Later the subcommittee ordered H. R. 4980, H. R. 4823, H. R. 3628, and H. R. 4513, favorably reported to the full committee. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RULE—FUR FARMERS

Committee on Rules: Heard Chairman Hope, and Representatives Andresen, Granger, Murray, Hill, Gross,

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and Dague, of the Committee on Agriculture; and Representative Keefe, of the Committee on Appropriations, all of whom favored a resolution providing consideration of H. J. Res. 275, which would authorize the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Washington, D. C., to make loans to fur farmers and for other purposes. No action was taken by the committee on the resolution.

VETERANS' HOMESTEAD ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met on H. R. 4488 and 25 identical bills, calling for the so-called Veterans' Homestead Act of 1948, and heard various Representatives who had introduced bills of this nature. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INCOME-TAX REDUCTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session, and ordered H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill, reported to the House with one amendment, which provides another exemption of \$600 for blind persons reaching the age of 65 years. Accordingly, a blind person over 65 years of age will have a total exemption of \$1,800.

The committee also voted to report favorably to the House H. R. 5052, excluding certain vendors of newspapers or magazines from certain provisions of Social Security Act and Internal Revenue Code.

Joint Committee Meetings

ECONOMIC REPORT

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: Committee met in executive session to discuss its preliminary report to Congress on the President's Economic Report. After the meeting, Chairman Taft announced the possibility of holding hearings on credit control after March 1. Committee meets again Wednesday, February 4.

SALMON-ALASKA

Joint Meeting of Subcommittees: Senate Subcommittee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and House Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, continued hearings on S. 1446 and H. R. 3859, to authorize leasing of salmon-trap sites in Alaskan waters, with Philip D. McBride and William Arnold, both of Pacific-American Fisheries, Inc., testifying in support of the legislation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate on St. Lawrence seaway.

Rule providing consideration of income-tax reduction bill reported by House committee.

See new public laws.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Fourteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows:

S. 2074-S. 2087;

S. J. Res. 178 and S. J. Res. 179.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. J. Res. 172, to authorize vessels of Canadian registry to transport iron ore between U. S. ports on the Great Lakes during 1948 (S. Rept. 846);

S. Res. 179, to change the name of the Committee on Public Lands to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, effective when adopted (no written report):

S. Res. 185, to increase the expenses for the Committee on Banking and Currency by \$10,000 (no written report);

S. Res. 189, to give the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments an additional \$125,000 for investigational purposes (no written report);

S. Res. 190, to authorize the printing of the fiftieth annual report of the DAR (no written report).

Pages 604-605

Economic Report: S. J. Res. 179, to extend the date for the filing of the economic report by the Joint Committee on the Economic Report to March 1, 1948, instead of February 1, 1948, was passed.

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Private Bill: Senate agreed to House amendment to S. 1100, private bill, thus clearing it for the President.

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Committee Resolutions Passed: The Senate passed the following resolutions:

S. Res. 179, to change the name of the Committee on Public Lands to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, effective when adopted;

S. Res. 185, to increase the expenses for the Committee on Banking and Currency by \$10,000;

S. Res. 189, to give the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments an additional \$125,000 for investigational purposes;

S. Res. 190, to authorize the printing of the fiftieth annual report of the DAR.

St. Lawrence Seaway: Senate continued debate on S. J. Res. 111, providing for the St. Lawrence seaway.

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Confirmations: Senate confirmed nominations of Gen. Omar Nelson Bradley, to be Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, and Guy Mason, to be D. C. Commissioner. Page 678

Nominations: The following nominations were received: Dewitt L. Pyburn, of Louisiana, to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission; together with 95 in the Navy, and 128 in the Army.

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Committee Meetings

FUR

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: In executive session committee approved for reporting to the Senate S. J. Res. 164, to authorize loans to fur farmers, after amending it to provide loans to all fur farmers instead of silver fox fur farmers.

In an open session the committee met with President Allan Kline, and members of the board of directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation, to discuss the legislative program approved by its board.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Committee on Armed Services: On Tuesday, January 27, the committee ordered reported favorably the nomination of Gen. Omar Bradley, to be Chief of Staff, which was confirmed by the Senate today.

HOUSING AND RENT CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee on Housing and Rent Control met on bills proposing the continuation of rent control (S. 1741, S. 2001, S. 2014, and S. 2015) and heard Representative Homer Jones, Washington, propose rent decontrol for the city of Bremerton, Wash., based on recommendations by the mayor of Bremerton.

Tighe E. Woods, Housing Expediter, continued his testimony explaining the experiences of the Office of Housing Expediter in the administration of the housing and rent law of 1947. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee continued hearings on price control and stabilization bills

(S. 1873, S. 1888, S. 1923, S. 1967, and S. 2023), and received testimony from Russell B. Brown, general counsel, Independent Petroleum Association of America, in opposition to "controlled economy"; Seymour E. Harris, professor of economics, Harvard University, urged "the strongest possible use of fiscal and monetary policy so that the Government can limit the use of distasteful controls"; Maurice W. Lee, dean of school of economics and business, State College of Washington, and Hubert H. Humphrey, mayor of Minneapolis, Americans for Democratic Action, favored price control and stabilization; and David R. Clarke, general counsel, Illinois Manufacturers' Association, opposed control over prices or over the distribution of manufactured goods. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Robert M. La Follette, Jr., member, and Richard M. Bissell, Jr., executive secretary, both of the President's Committee on Foreign Aid, testified in support of the proposed European recovery program in public hearings before the committee. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PAY INCREASES FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Committee on Pos. Office and Civil Service: Continuing hearings on S. 1848, S. 1849, S. 1930, S. 1931, and S. 1949, providing pay increases for Government employees and postal-service men, heard Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, assisted by T. Roy Reid, subcommittee personnel division, state that pay adjustments were necessary from bottom to top for the Agriculture Department to get its work done; Representative Smathers recommended adjustments for postal and Federal employees; a statement by Senator Hill for postal pay raises was read into the record; Representative St. George proposed pay increases; Harry B. Mitchell, President, Civil Service Commission, and Francis Brown, executive secretary of the Council on Education, favored pay increases; Dr. Alfred B. Bonds, member of the President's Commission on Higher Education, discussed the economic tieups between family incomes and ability of their children to attend college; L. F. Kneipp, Organization of Professional Employees of the Agriculture Department, proposed pay increases; Burris Jackson, National Association of Postmasters, and N. P. Alifas, president of District 44 of the International Association of Machinists, favored pay increases; and Joseph Winslow, Bureau of the Budget, and Arthur Flemming, Civil Service Commissioner, discussed personnel ceilings of Government employees. The subcommittee recessed subject to the call of the chair.

CALIFORNIA INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee continued hearings on the California Indian bills (S. 1685 and S. 1565) with officials of the Interior Department giving an analytical report on the proposed measures.

RURAL POST ROADS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee heard Thomas H. MacDonald, Commissioner of Public Roads Administration, testify in support of H. R. 3759, to authorize administrative and research expenses relating to rural post roads.

SENATE COMMITTEES

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee approved the following resolutions for reporting to the Senate: S. Res. 179, to change the name of the Committee on Public Lands to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, effective when adopted; S. Res. 185, to increase the expenses for the Committee on Banking and Currency by \$10,000; S. Res. 189, to give the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments an additional \$125,000 for investigational purposes, with amendment; S. Res. 190, to authorize the printing of the fiftieth annual report of the DAR; and S. J. Res. 179, to extend the date for the filing of the economic report by the Joint Committee on the Economic Report to March 1, 1948, instead of February 1, 1948.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 29, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

Committee on Agriculture: Conducted an informal meeting and heard Allan B. Kline, president, American

Farm Bureau Federation, present the Federation's program for 1948. Statements were also heard from Messrs. Shuman, of Illinois; Shaw, of North Carolina; and Wingate, of Georgia. Hearing continues tomorrow.

OIL—NAVY DEPARTMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil heard the testimony of Max Ball, Department of the Interior, and General Craig, of the Air Force, on the subcommittee's oil study. The Subcommittee on Organization met on H. R. 3432, making certain changes in the organization of the Navy Department, and agreed to report this measure favorably to the full committee.

D. C. BARBERS AND DOCTORS

Committee on District of Columbia: Met on H. R. 4635, barbers' license regulations, and H. R. 4636, doctors' reciprocity license regulations. Appearing on H. R. 4635, were L. G. Hines, Master Barbers of America, AFL; Charles G. Borello, secretary, Barbers' Union; John Cannon, legislative committee, Barbers' Protective Association. Appearing in favor of H. R. 4636, were Doctor Fishback, D. C. Medical Society; Dr. George Ruhland, District Health Officer; and District Commissioner John Russell Young.

GSI STRIKE

Committee on Education and Labor: Hoffman subcommittee on GSI strike met and endeavored to obtain the facts as to whether the administration is trying to force GSI to bargain with a union whose officials will not sign the anticommunistic affidavits proposed in the Taft-Hartley Act, and heard D. G. Patterson, assistant director, Reference and Circulation Division, Congressional Library; H. W. McCauley, deputy U. S. marshal; and Charles E. Sands, representing the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance.

EXPLOSIVES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Surplus Property Subcommittee met on attempted shipment of explosives to Palestine, and heard E. T. Cummins, Chief, Munitions Division, Department of State; Hugh B. Knight, Chief, Chemical Section, WAA: Walter A. Schofield, former WAA employee, Philadelphia, Pa.; Abe Cramer, Pottsville, Pa.; Frank Gandler, WAA, New York City; Philip Alper, Samuel Nattis, Leonard M. Weissman, and Nahuma Berstein, all of New York City; J. Victor Carton, prosecutor of the pleas, Monmouth County, N. J.; Howard Lambertson, detective sergeant, New Jersey State Police; and Otis H. Ellis, WAA, Washington, D. C.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Continued hearings on the general question of United States foreign policy for a postwar recovery program and heard Herbert H. Schell, National Association of Manufacturers, and Hon. Dean Acheson, Committee for the Marshall Plan. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FUEL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continued public hearing on fuel investigation and heard

Mark E. Andrews, Assistant Secretary, Navy Department, and Raymond S. McKeough, Vice Chairman, Maritime Commission. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SHIPPING—ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTITIONERS— CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 1 in public hearings on H. R. 4619, revision of title 46 of United States Code entitled, "Shipping," heard Representative Keogh, of New York; William W. Barron, chief reviser, and William Radner, special consultant, both of West Publishing Co., and Edward Thompson Co.; Richard M. Cantor, Seafarers International Union; Walter E. Maloney, representing American Merchant Marine Institute and International Federation of American Shipping; Myron H. Avery, admiralty counsel, Navy Department; Gilbert Johnson, Lake Carriers' Association; James R. Gormley, Maritime Fireman's Union; J. Franklin Fort, attorney, Radner & Zito; James E. Moss, director of transportation, API; G. W. Betts, Jr., representing Maritime Law and New York County Law Associations; Hoyt S. Haddock, executive secretary, CIO Maritime Committee; and Allen J. Krouse, Pacific-American Tankship Association.

Subcommittee No. 2 continued hearings on H. R. 2657, a bill designed to protect the public with respect to practitioners before administrative agencies. The following witnesses were heard regarding this legislation: Harry C. Ames, president, Association of ICC practitioners; John S. Burchmore, Chicago, counsel for National Industrial Traffic League; Dabney T. Waring, Middle Atlantic States Motor Carrier Conference, Inc.; Harry V. Hayden, Jr., National Legislative Committee; and Charles W. Stevens, assistant director, national rehabilitation division of the American Legion; Lewis G. Hines, legislative representative, AFL; Don Montgomery and Paul Sifton, UAW-CIO. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Subcommittee on Claims agreed to recommend 13 private bills favorably and 3 adversely to the full committee.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Public Lands met on H. R. 4272, relative to headstone markers for armed forces members; H. R. 4515, relative to choosing superintendents of national cemeteries from members of the armed forces; H. R. 2159, relative to sewage disposal at Yorktown, Va., area of Colonial National Historical Park; H. R. 3936, authorizing authority for park police to make arrests on Federal reservations; and H. R. 4461, to approve the performance in the field of certain functions of the Bureau of Land Management.

Maj. Joseph R. Bon Durant appeared in favor of H. R. 4272.

Representative Bland; Conrad L. Wirth, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Edward A. Hammel, superintendent, Colonial National Historical Park, Va.; George W. Blow, of Yorktown, Va.; L. R. O'Hara, representing trustees, town of Yorktown, Va.; and Col. Earl H. Jenkins, USMC (retired), of Yorktown, Va.; all testified in favor of H. R. 2159.

Edward Kelly, assistant superintendent, National Parks, and Conrad L. Wirth, National Park Service, both appeared in favor of H. R. 3036.

Herbert Slaughter, Department of the Interior, and F. B. Mollin, executive secretary, American Livestock Association, Denver, Colo., both appeared in favor of H. R. 4461.

Later the subcommittee met and ordered H. R. 4272, H. R. 4515, H. R. 2159, H. R. 3936, and H. R. 4461, favorably reported to the full committee.

STEEL

Committee on Public Works: Macy subcommittee to investigate black markets met and heard Albert Bennett-Fey describe his activities in the steel market.

RULE—INCOME-TAX REDUCTION

Committee on Rules: Heard Chairman Knutson, and Representatives Doughton, Reed, and Simpson, who favor a resolution providing consideration for H. R. 4790, a bill to reduce individual income-tax payments and for other purposes. A rule waiving points of order against the bill, barring amendments, and providing 2 days of general debate, was ordered reported (H. Rept. 1276).

FASCISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: Subcommittee on Fascism, in executive session, heard Soldan Pfieffer, former assistant attorney general in the Hungarian Government, and Valentine Tosh, press attaché to consul general in Hungary, testify against continuation of visa privilege of Ferenc Cajta, formerly vice consul in charge of Vienna, during Nazi occupation. Meeting on this question to be continued tomorrow.

VETERANS' HOMESTEAD ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Considered H. R. 4488, "Veterans Homestead Act of 1948," and 26 related bills, and heard Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, Administrator; Allan Johnstone, general counsel; Max Elliott, assistant general counsel, all of the Federal Works Agency; Frank W. Kelsey, Assistant Administrator for Finance, Veterans' Administration; Representative Martin, of Iowa, sponsor of the bill. Hearing continues tomorrow.

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Joint Committee Meetings

SALMON-ALASKA

Joint Meeting of Subcommittees: Hearings were continued on S. 1446 and H. R. 3859, to authorize leasing of salmon-trap sites in Alaskan waters, before the Senate Subcommittee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and House Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, with William Arnold, Pacific-American Fisheries, Inc., testifying in support of the legislation.

Delegate Bartlett, of Alaska, testified in opposition to the proposed legislation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOUSING

Joint Committee on Housing: Met and heard Isadore Ginsburg, of the Transcontinental Lumber Corp., New York, discuss gray-market operations on gypsum products. Testimony was also received from B. L. Spence, of Siler City, N. C.; P. J. Green, Johnstown, Ohio, and Hyman L. Kowal, of New York City.

Lovell Carr and William Carner appeared jointly, representing the Metropolitan Building Material Co., of Brooklyn, N. Y., and described their dealings with Mr. Ginsburg.

Charles Donner, of the Ed Donner Lumber Co. in Brooklyn, N. Y., also appeared and testified on his dealings with Mr. Ginsburg.

The committee also heard H. F. Sadler, vice president, United States Gypsum Co.; John C. Best, vice president, National Gypsum Co.; A. R. Craven, vice president of Certain-Teed Products Co.; B. C. Dahlbert, president of the Celotex Corp.; George A. Lenci, of Ebsary Gypsum Co.; and Frederick Thompkins, of the Newark Plaster Co.

The committee adjourned, subject to the call of the chair.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see p. D29)

S. 1020, Philippine Rehabilitation Act, to authorize pay for persons entitled to accumulated "annual leave to the maximum of 90 workdays." Signed January 26, 1948 (P. L. 399);

S. 1324, extending Civil Service retirement benefits to employees of the National Library for the Blind. Signed January 26, 1948 (P. L. 400);

S. 929, providing regulations for Soldiers' Home, Washington, D. C. Signed January 27, 1948 (P. L. 401);

H. R. 3342, U. S. Information and Educational Exchange Act, relative to acquainting foreign peoples with the U. S. Signed January 27, 1948 (P. L. 402);

H. J. Res. 232, providing U. S. participation in the South Pacific Commission. Signed January 28, 1948 (P. L. 403).

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HIGHLIGHTS

House opened debate on income-tax reduction bill for 1948.

Synthetic-fuels bill and atomic-energy report acted on by committees.

Senate'

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, January 30, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

ARMED SERVICE BILLS

Committee on Armed Services: In executive session committee approved for reporting to the Senate, S. 1195, to repeal the laws relating to the tours of duty of officers and enlisted men of the Army at certain foreign stations, with an amendment requiring reports to the House and Senate Committees on Armed Services on their foreign duty tours; and S. 1520, to provide reimbursement to the Post Office Department by the Navy for shortages in postal accounts occurring while commissioned officers of the Navy and Marine Corps are designated custodians of postal effects. Committee also considered S. 239, relating to the Board of Visitors of the Naval Academy and postgraduate school, and S. 1478, transfer of lands in the Fort Wingate Military Reserve, N. Mex., from the War to the Interior Department, but held them over for action at a later meeting. Committee meets again on February 3.

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Hearings were continued by the committee on price control and stabilization bills (S. 1873, S. 1888, S. 1923, S. 1967, and S. 2023), with opposition to controls being expressed by Charles W. Holman, National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation; M. H. Brightman, executive secretary, Dairy Industry Committee; Allen B. Kline, American Farm Bureau Federation; and L. Ebersole Gaines, National Coal Association. Favoring controls were Prof. Hartley W. Cross, Consumers' Union, New York; Persia Campbell, National Association of Consumers; and Mildred A: Gutwillig, National Federation of Settlements. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MEAT RATIONING

Committee on Banking and Currency: In hearings on S. 2024, to provide for allocation of meat and a stand-by rationing program, the committee heard the following witnesses discuss the administration of meat rationing in pursuance of the proposed legislation and analyze pro-

visions of the bill: Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan; James Brownlee, Fairfield, Conn.; Dr. Harold Rowe, Brookings Institution; Dr. Kenneth Galbraith, former Deputy Administrator, OPA; Dr. Dewey Anderson, Public Affairs Institute, Washington, D. C.; Edward D. Hollander, Chief, Price Branch, BLS; and Representative Jacob K. Javits, New York. Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOUSING AND RENTS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee continued its hearings on bills proposing the continuation of rent control (S. 1741, S. 2001, S. 2014, and S. 2015), with the following witnesses testifying: Senator Claude Pepper; Prof. Maurice Finkelstein on behalf of Mayor O'Dwyer, New York City; Hubert H. Humphrey, mayor of Minneapolis; Harry Leviton, attorney, Berwyn, Ill.; J. L. Nicoll, tenant of Hotel Marcy, New York; Donald C. Haas, State of Washington; Clifford W. Patton, National Association of Consumers; Arville Ebersole and John Canelli, National Bowling Council; and Col. Theodore Bank, Athletic Institute, Chicago. A statement by Colston E. Warne, Consumers' Union, New York, was read into the record. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee continued hearings on the European recovery program and received testimony from the following witnesses on various aspects of the program: Arnold J. Wilson, Illinois Manufacturers' Association; John Ben Shepperd, U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce; William F. Brooks, North American Grain Export Association of National Grain Trade Council; Robert F. Loree, National Foreign Trade Council, New York City; a representative of the Society for the Prevention of World War III, New York City; Mrs. Kathryn Lee Marshall, Women's International League, Washington, D. C.; Marvin J. Coles, attorney, Foreign Freight Forwarders Association; Frazer Bailey, National Federation of American Shipping, Inc., Washington, D. C.; Norman M. Littell, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Willford King, Committee for Constitutional Government, New York City; and A. O. Tittman, Kew Gardens, New York. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: I. S. Falk, Director, and Wilbur J. Cohen, Assistant Director, Bureau of Research and Statistics of Social Security Administration, continued their testimony on S. 1320, to provide a national health insurance and public health program. Maurice Friedman, M. D., also gave testimony on the bill. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SYNTHETIC LIQUID FUELS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Public Lands in executive session agreed to report to the full committee on Monday, without amendment, S. 134, to authorize an additional \$30,000,000 for construction and operation of demonstration plants to produce synthetic liquid fuels from coal, oil shales, agricultural and forestry products, and other substances.

Before taking this action, the committee heard the following witnesses testify in support of the bill: E. V. Murphy, president, Standard Oil Development Co., of New York; Dr. W. C. Shroeder, Chief, Office of Synthetic Liquid Fuels, Bureau of Mines; and Dr. James Boyd, Acting Director, Bureau of Mines.

WILDER DAM PROJECT

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control heard the following witnesses testify in support of S. J. Res. 155, rescinding an order of the FPC authorizing redevelopment of the Wilder Dam project: Senators Tobey, Aiken, and Bridges; Gov. Gibson of Vermont; George Putnam, of the American Farm Bureau Federation, New Hampshire; Arthur H. Packard, president, Vermont Farm Bureau; Harold Arthur, master of the Vermont State Grange; Walter Renfraw, Vermont, Frank Brock, county judge, Wells River, Vt.; Marcel Cessler, Lyme, N. H.; and William Taisey, Vermont.

Nelson Lee Smith, chairman, FPC, and Irwin L. Moore, representing the Bellows Falls Hydroelectric Corp., Boston, testified against the bill.

ARABIAN OIL

Special Committee to Investigate the National Defense Program: Continuing its hearings on Arabian-American oil, the committee heard Secretary of Defense Forrestal discuss the effect that continued production of Arabian-American oil would have on military supplies and the aid to civilian needs under the Marshall plan by using this petroleum in Europe as opposed to exporting petroleum from this country.

Herbert Feis, former economic adviser of the State Department, discussed the employment of Max W. Thornberg as Special Assistant to the Secretary of State. His employment had been questioned because of his former affiliation as vice president of an oil concern.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-nine public bills, H. R. 5172-5200; 12 private bills H. R. 5201-5212; and 10 resolutions, H. J. Res. 310-313, and H. Con. Res. 136-141, were introduced.

Pages 716-717

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. Res. 450, rule for consideration of H. R. 4790, individual income-tax bill (H. Rept. 1276);

Disposal of certain executive papers (H. Repts. 1277

and 1278);

Six private claims bills, from the Committee on the Judiciary, as follows: H. R. 332, 1733, 1780, 2136, 2433, 4400 (H. Repts. 1279–1284);

Report on observance of fiftieth anniversary of American and Cuban victories in the War with Spain

(H. Rept. 1285);

H. R. 1878, empowering Attorney General to exclude aliens from entering United States, whose purpose of coming to this Nation might endanger public safety (H. Rept. 1286); and

H. R. 4427, establishing specific authority for routine administrative activities necessary in carrying out the functions of the Department of Commerce (H. Rept. 1287).

Pages 688-692, 716

Presidential Message: Heard message from the President requesting extension, until October 31, 1948, of present power and authority as conferred under the Second War Powers Act, for the conservation of grain, relating to the "use of grain for production of ethyl alcohol, including, but not limited to, distilled spirits and neutral spirits." Referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency, and printed as House Document 512.

Pages 686-688

Income-Tax Bill: The House initiated its first day of general debate on H. R. 4790, a measure to reduce individual income taxes, with the intention of cutting the 1948 revenue of Government by \$6½ billion. Three major methods for tax reduction are provided in the bill:

1. Increase present personal tax exemptions from \$500 to \$600;

2. Grant straight percentage reductions to all taxpayers ranging from 30 percent for low-income classes to 10 percent for high-income groups; and

3. Extend to married couples the privilege of splitting

their income for tax purposes.

Before general debate was started, the House adopted H. Res. 450, a rule providing for 2 days' consideration of the tax measure. Under this rule, no amendments, except those proposed by direction of the Committee on Ways and Means, can be made, except one proposing the recommittal of the bill to said Committee, recommending changes.

After 4 hours spent on general discussion, further consideration of the tax program was postponed until the next meeting of the House.

Pages 692-711

Massman Construction Co.: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 2192, and asked for conference. Representatives Jennings, Reeves, and Cravens were appointed as House conferees.

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Joint Economic Report: Passed S. J. Res. 179, extending until March 1, 1948, the date for filing the report of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report.

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Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Heselton, on legislation banning petroleum shipments to foreign countries; and Mr. Byrnes of Wisconsin, on commodity speculation by Federal employees.

Pages 711-715

Order of Business: By unanimous consent the House transferred the call of the Consent Calendar to Tuesday, February 2; and dispensed with the business of Calendar Wednesday, February 3.

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Committee Meetings

AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

Committee on Agriculture: Continued informal meeting with representatives of the American Farm Bureau Federation who concluded the presentation of the Federation's program for 1948.

Allan B. Kline, president of the Federation, was heard along with several other representatives of the

Federation.

OIL—SHIPS-SERVICE STORES

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil met and heard testimony of Assistant Secretary of Commerce David Bruce.

Procurement Subcommittee met on H. R. 4037, and H. R. 4507, disposition of profits from ships-service stores.

PROPAGANDA

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda met in executive session.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Continued public hearings on the general question of United States foreign policy for a postwar recovery program, and heard Hon. Dean Acheson, Committee for the Marshall plan; Eliot Wadsworth, formerly honorary member of the Central Committee of the American National Red Cross; Henry J. Taylor; and William McC. Martin, chairman and president, Export-Import Bank.

FUEL-FREIGHT FORWARDERS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continued public hearing on fuel investigation, and heard Raymond S. McKeough, vice chairman, Maritime Commission, and Max W. Ball, of the Oil and Gas Division, Department of the Interior.

In executive session the committee ordered H. R. 3692 favorably reported to the House, as amended. H. R. 3692, permits directors, officers, employees, or agents of common carriers to own, lease, control, or hold stock in freight forwarders if such holding is authorized by the ICC and if it is shown that neither public or private interests will be adversely affected thereby.

ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTITIONERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 continued public hearings on H. R. 2657, to protect the public with respect to practitioners before administrative agencies, and heard I. M. Herndon, manager transportation department, Chicago Board of Trade; Paul W. Smith, president, and James A. Grieg, vice president, Tax Executives Institute, Inc., New York City; and James V. Lawrence, managing director, American Trucking Association; all of whom appeared in opposition to the proposed legislation.

POST OFFICE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met in executive session.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation met on H. J. Res. 61, to change name of Park River Dam and Reservoir project in North Dakota to Homme Dam and Reservoir, and H. R. 3603, granting congressional consent to compact between Idaho and Wyoming for division of waters of the Snake River, and heard J. G. Will, counsel, Bureau of Reclamation, who appeared in favor of the legislation.

Later the subcommittee ordered both bills favorably

reported to the full committee.

POSTWAR HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads met on H. R. 4867 and H. R. 4868, postwar highway reconstruction program, and heard Clyde Edmonson, Redwood Empire Association; R. H. Baldock, president,

American Association of State Highway Officials; H. A. Thompson, secretary, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors; Spencer Miller, Highway Commissioner, State of New Jersey; Willard L. Manning, vice president, National Rural Letter Carriers Association; Charles P. Baker, Jr., secretary, Ohio State Association of Township Trustees and Clerks; a statement of Thomas G. Walters, Government Employees' Council, AFL, was read into the record. Hearings continue tomorrow.

The Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors today announced public hearings will be held on February 11, 12, and 13, on an omnibus bill for river and harbor projects on which favorable reports have been received from the Army engineers.

FASCISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: Heard John Bankhead, American Consul at Windsor, Ontario, who furnished the Subcommittee on Fascism with information relative to certain undesirable aliens who secured entry into this country without proper visas. Hearing continues tomorrow.

PHILIPPINE VA OFFICES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met on H. R. 4943, to extend authority of Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to continue and establish offices in the Philippines, and

heard Ralph E. Spear, assistant director of foreign affairs, Veterans' Administration; Guy H. Birdsall, assistant administrator for legislation, Veterans' Administration; and T. O. Kraabel, representing the American Legion. Committee meets tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

SALMON-ALASKA

Joint Meeting of Subcommittees: Senate Subcommittee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and House Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, continuing hearings on S. 1446 and H. R. 3859, to authorize leasing of salmon-trap sites in Alaskan waters, heard further opposition testimony to the proposed legislation from Delegate Bartlett of Alaska and R. R. Warren, Seafarers' International Union, Anchorage, Alaska. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee in executive session agreed to file a report of its activity to Congress and to report favorably, with amendments, S. 1004, to amend Atomic Energy Act of 1946 so that no person shall be appointed as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission or as general manager until an investigation has been made by the FBI.

Friday, January 30, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate on St. Lawrence seaway and confirmed various nominations.

House continued debate on income-tax reduction bill for 1948.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 749-756

Bills Introduced: Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2088 to S. 2096; S. J. Res. 180; S. Con. Res. 39-41; and S. Res. 191 and 192.

Pages 753-754

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1195, to repeal the laws relating to the tours of duty of officers and enlisted men of the Army at certain foreign stations, with amendment (S. Rept. 847);

S. 1520, to provide reimbursement to the Post Office Department by the Navy for shortages in postal accounts occurring while commissioned officers of the Navy and Marine Corps are designated custodians of postal effects (S. Rept. 848);

S. J. Res. 164, to authorize loans to fur farmers, with amendment (S. Rept. 849);

Joint Atomic Energy Committee report on activities from date of organization (S. Rept. 850);

S. 1004, to amend Atomic Energy Act of 1946 so that no person shall be appointed as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission or as general manager until an investigation has been made by the FBI, with amendments (S. Rept. 851);

Survey of Alaskan Newsprint Resources by Small Business Committee (S. Rept. 852);

S. 1478, transfer of lands in the Fort Wingate Military Reserve, N. Mex., from the War to the Interior Department, with amendments (S. Rept. 853);

On Observance of Fiftieth Anniversary of Victory

over Spain (S. Rept. 854);

U. S. Information Service in Europe by Committee

on Foreign Relations (S. Rept. 855);

S. J. Res. 173, to continue to July 1, 1949, the authority of the Maritime Commission to sell, charter, and operate vessels, and for other purposes, with amendments (S. Rept. 856).

Pages 750-751

Presidential Message: Received message regarding extension of Presidential authority under title III of Second War Powers Act of 1942.

Pages 686-688, 777

Additional Funds for Committee on Expenditures: A motion was entered by Senator Lucas to reconsider S. Res. 189, to give the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments an additional \$125,000 for investigational purposes; this resolution was passed on January 28.

Economic Report: S. Con. Res. 38, extending to March 1 time of filing report on investigation of consumer goods prices by Joint Committee on the Economic Report, was passed.

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Private Bill: Senate asked for a conference on H. R. 2192, private bill, and appointed the following conferees: Senators Wiley, Donnell, and McGrath.

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St. Lawrence Seaway: Senate continued debate on S. J. Res. 111, providing for the St. Lawrence seaway.

Pages 756-777

Confirmations: The Senate confirmed the following nominations: Vincent C. Burke, to be Assistant Postmaster General; John R. Alison, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce; Walter M. W. Splawn, to be an Interstate Commerce Commissioner; Wayne Coy and George E. Sterling, to be members of the FCC; together with 13 nominations in the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and 1,418 sundry Coast Guard nominations.

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Nominations: The following nominations were received: Isaac N. P. Stokes, District of Columbia, to be Solicitor, Department of Commerce, and 160 post-masters.

Pages 779-781

Committee Meetings

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continuing hearings on price control and stabilization bills (S. 1873, S. 1888, S. 1923, S. 1967, and S. 2023), committee heard the following witnesses testify against controls: John Middlecamp, vice president, Mack International Truck

Corp., Automobile Manufacturers Association; Alfred H. Benjamin, Anglo-American Trading Corp.; and Morris Sayre, president, National Association of Manufacturers. Oliver W. Wood, president, National Used Car Dealers Association, favored some control.

MEAT RATIONING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Hearings were continued on S. 2024, to provide for allocation of meat and a stand-by rationing program, with the following witnesses testifying against the proposed legislation: Mark W. Pickell, executive secretary, Corn Belt Livestock Feeders Association; Allan B. Kline, president, American Farm Bureau Federation; A. A. Smith, president, American National Livestock Association; Theodore Funk, livestock producer, Bloomington, Ill.; John H. Davis, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; W. H. Yungclass, president, American Pork Producers; H. M. Conway, National Livestock Producers Association; Ralph A. Walter, president, and Fred H. Hatch, Chicago Livestock Exchange; Fred D. Wiley, president, Evansville Producers Commission; Sam Hyatt, president, Wyoming Stock Growers Association; George A. Godfrey, president, New Mexico Cattle Growers Association; and F. G. Ketner, Columbus, Ohio.

Russell Smith, legislative secretary, National Farmers Union, testified in favor of the bill. Hearings continue

tomorrow.

HOUSING AND RENTS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Hearings were continued on bills proposing continuation of rent control (S. 1741, S. 2001, S. 2014, and S. 2015), with the following witnesses opposing the legislation: Calvin K. Snyder, secretary of Realtors' Washington Committee of the National Association of Real Estate Boards; Charles J. Bauer, Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Washington; Roscoe Walter, attorney, Rockville, Md.; Leonard Scane, Baird & Warner Realtors, Chicago; Cecil Wright Pemberton, executive secretary, Florida Tax Information Association; and Paul McAdam.

The following witnesses testified in support of the legislation: Senator Myers; E. D. Shaver, Committee to Save Rent Control, Richmond, Va.; and Lionel Colloms, Progressive Citizens of America. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Continuing hearings on the proposed European Recovery Program, committee heard the following witnesses testify in support of the program: Allan Kline, president, American Farm Bureau Federation; J. T. Sanders, National Grange; J. D. Zellarbach, president, Crown-Zellarbach Corp., San Francisco; James W. Reed, Friends' Committee on

National Legislation; and Prof. Joseph G. Dubuque, University of Maryland.

C. A. Barrett, Tate-Jones & Co., Inc., Pittsburgh, also testified. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 545, to create an independent national health agency, and S. 1320, to provide a national health insurance and public health program, with Dr. Marjorie Shearon, of the Shearon Medical Legislative Service, discussing the philosophy of the two bills. She continues her testimony Wednesday, February 4.

GENERAL BRIDGE ACT

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee agreed to report favorably to the full committee S. 1651, amend-

ing the General Bridge Act of 1946, relative to toll charges, after hearing Senator Capehart testify in support of the measure.

ARABIAN OIL—INSTITUTIONAL ADVERTISING

Special Committee to Investigate the National Defense Program: The committee heard testimony from Rear Admiral Andrew F. Carter and received a statement from Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., representing the Arabian-American Oil Co. Herbert Feis, former economic adviser of the State Department, finished the testimony he began yesterday.

Edward I. McLarney, Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue, made a statement regarding the func-

tions of institutional advertising.

This concludes the hearings to be held by this committee.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-one public bills H. R. 5213 to 5233; four private bills, H. R. 5234 to 5237; and one resolution, H. J. Res. 314, were introduced.

Pages 824-825

Bills Reported: Reports were received as follows:

H. R. 5214, Independent Offices appropriation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 1288); and

First report of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy (H. Rept. 1289).

Economic Report: Passed S. Con. Res. 38, extending until March 1, 1948, the date for filing report of investigation of consumer goods prices by the Joint Committee on the Economic Report; such concurrence making Executive action unnecessary.

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Appointments: Members appointed to the Boards of Visitors, on the part of the House, were as follows:

Naval Academy: Representatives Hugh D. Scott, Jr., Bradley, St. George, Johnson of Texas, and Sasscer.

Merchant Marine Academy: Representatives Hand, Brophy, Hart, McMahon, and Keogh.

Coast Guard Academy: Representatives Sadlak, Forand, Miller of Maryland, Jenkins of Pennsylvania, and Price

The Speaker also appointed Representative Sarbacher to fill existing vacancy on Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise Committee.

Pages 781-782

Income-tax Bill: Continued consideration of H. R. 4790, individual income-tax bill for 1948. Four hours

were spent in general debate on the tax-cutting program, and further discussion was postponed until Monday, February 2, at which time it has been agreed that 2 hours be equally divided by Mr. Knutson and Mr. Doughton in bringing all debate to final conclusion.

Pages 789-822

Special Orders: Under special orders the following Members addressed the House: Representatives Heselton and Lodge, on statistics relating to supplies and transportation of fuel oil and petroleum. Pages 822-824

Committee Meetings

OIL—PROCUREMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil met and heard Bruce Brown, chairman, National Military Petroleum Advisory Committee, and Howard Page, of the Standard Oil Company.

Procurement Subcommittee met and agreed to report the Senate amendments on H. R. 1366, relative to purchases and contracts for supplies or services made by the War and Navy Departments, to the full committee.

D. C. SEX OFFENDERS—TEXTBOOKS—TEACHING

Committee on the District of Columbia: Met in executive session and considered a proposal by the district attorney with regard to the development of a bill setting up certain penalties for sex offenders, and placed the proposal, with certain amendments, in the hands of the legislative committee for the drafting of a bill embodying the proposal.

The Subcommittee on Health, Education, and Recreation (Public Welfare) announced that they had adopted a report on their investigation covering the textbook Building Citizenship.

Later the subcommittee conducted an open hearing on H. Con. Res. 132, relative to standards of teaching American history and the Constitution in D. C. schools, and heard M. Franklin Miles, attorney; A. W. Lee, member of the D. C. School Board; M. Corning, Superintendent of Schools; and a representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Hearing continues tomorrow.

FUEL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continued public hearings on fuel investigation and heard Terry Duce, vice president, Arabian-American Oil Co. In addition to Mr. Duce's testimony, a motion picture of his company's operations in Saudi Arabia was shown during the hearing.

ALIEN VETERANS—ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTITIONERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization met in executive session on several bills to provide for the naturalization of aliens who served in the armed forces of the United States. H. R. 5193 was ordered favorably reported to the full committee as amended. Also, it was agreed to recommend favorably 2 private immigration measures.

Subcommittee No. 2 met on H. R. 2657, to protect the public with respect to practitioners before administrative agencies, and heard Clifford W. Gardner, St. Paul, on behalf of the Minnesota State Bar Association, in support of the legislation.

Milton Smith, assistant counsel for the United States Chamber of Commerce; R. A. Ellison, manager of the Transportation Department, Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce; and John Haas, representing the National Cooperative Milk Federation; appeared in opposition to the bill.

POSTWAR HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads met on H. R. 4867 and H. R. 4868, postwar highway reconstruction program, and heard Dwight W. Winkelman, president-elect, Associated General Contractors; Fred White, chief engineer, member of Iowa Highway Commission, representing roads and highway committee of county officers; D. C. Greer, state highway engineer, State of Texas; a statement of the National Association of County Officials, in favor of the proposed legislation, was read into the record.

FASCISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: Subcommittee on Fascism met in executive session. Meeting continues on Monday.

VETERANS PRIVATE SCHOOL CONTRACTS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Education, Training, and Rehabilitation met on the subject of contractual relations between the Veterans' Administration and private schools, and received testimony from Clyde W. Bailey, of the Bailey Technical Schools, St. Louis, Mo.; Col. W. E. Leonard, director, Veterans Service Center, Washington, D. C.; Murray J. King, executive director, American Society for Training and Vocational Education, Inc.; Maj. John K. Regan, St. Louis, Mo.; H. V. Sterling, assistant administrator for rehabilitation, Veterans' Administration; A. L. Monk, attorney, Veterans' Administration; Henry J. Walker, National Education Council, of the Association of Master Barbers of America; and Alice Keith, Academy of National Broadcasting, Washington, D. C.

TAXES

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session and unanimously approved the committee amendment on estate tax to H. R. 4790, individual income-tax-reduction bill. The amendment is designed to equalize the operation of the Federal estate and gift tax law in community- and non-community-property States.

The committee also voted to report to the House, H. J. Res. 296, to restore the old regulations relating to the definition of employment for withholding tax purposes.

COMMODITY TRANSACTIONS

Select Committee to Investigate Transactions on Commodity Exchanges: Met in executive session.

Joint Committee Meetings

SALMON-ALASKA

Joint Meeting of Subcommittees: Senate Subcommittee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and House Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries continued hearings on S. 1446 and H. R. 3859, to authorize leasing of salmon-trap sites in Alaskan waters, and heard the following witnesses testify in opposition to the proposed legislation: R. R. Warren, Anchorage, Alaska; Mayor Lee Bettinger and A. A. Owens, Kodiak, Alaska; C. Chester Carlson, Cordova, Alaska; Emil Sandvik, United Fishermen of Lower Cook Inlet, Seldovia, Alaska; Lewis G. Hines, A. F. of L.; Seth Levine, research consultant, CIO Maritime Committee; and Frances Lopinsky, Curry, Cohen & Bingham, attorneys at law

Monday, February 2, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed 13 unobjected-to bills on Cail of Calendar and debated St. Lawrence Seaway.

House passed income-tax reduction bill by 297 to 120. Synthetic fuels and public lands bills approved by Senate group.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 826-844

Bills Introduced: Twenty-five, bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2097 to S. 2121.

Pages 828-829

Bills Passed: On Call of the Calendar, 13 unobjectedto bills were passed as follows:

D. C. Insurance: S. 612, with amendment, and H. R. 1634, D. C. insurance bills.

Public Health: S. 1454, to amend the Public Health Service Act in regard to certain matters of personnel and administration, with amendment.

Veterans' Preference: S. 1493, to give Civil Service Commission final decision as to eligibility under Veterans' Preference Act.

Caribbean Commission: H. J. Res. 231, providing U. S. participation in the Caribbean Commission, with amendment.

National Forests: H. R. 1826, making it a petty offense to enter any national forest land closed to the public.

Synthetic Rubber: H. R. 2029, to provide for free importation of synthetic rubber scrap, with amendment.

War-Damage Claims: S. 1605, war-damage claims to neutral countries, with amendment.

Army-Navy Gifts: S. 1528, to authorize acceptance and use of gifts, etc., to schools, hospitals, museums, etc., under War and Navy Departments, with amendment.

Canadian Vessels: S. J. Res. 172, to authorize vessels of Canadian registry to transport iron ore between U.S. ports on the Great Lakes during 1948.

Postal Accounts: S. 1520, to provide reimbursement to the Post Office Department by the Navy for shortages in postal accounts occurring while commissioned officers of the Navy and Marine Corps are designated custodians of postal effects.

Tours of Duty: S. 1195, to repeal the laws relating to the tours of duty of officers and enlisted men of the Army at certain foreign stations, with amendment.

Fort Wingate: S. 1478, transfer of lands in the Fort Wingate Military Reserve, N. Mex., from the War to the Interior Departments, with amendment.

Bills Cleared for President: Of the bills passed above, H. R. 1634 and H. R. 1826 were cleared for the White House.

Pages 844-860

President's Message: Senate received message from President recommending a permanent commission on civil rights, a joint congressional committee on civil rights, and a civil rights division in the Department of Justice, together with legislation on civil rights, antilynching, protection of voting rights, FEPC, statehood for Alaska and Hawaii, naturalization, settlement of evacuation claims of Japanese-Americans, and antidiscrimination in interstate transportation; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pages 883, 927-929

Boards of Visitors: President pro tempore announced the appointment of Senators Knowland, Reed, and Mc-Farland to the Board of Visitors to the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, and Senators Baldwin, Tobey, and Stewart to the Board of Visitors to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy.

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St. Lawrence Seaway: Senate continued debate on S. J. Res. 111, St. Lawrence Seaway project. Pages 860-883

Nominations: The following nominations were received: Harold M. Stephens, Utah, to be Chief Justice of U. S. Court of Appeals for D. C.; and James M. Proctor, D. C., to be Associate Justice of that Court; together with 35 other civilian nominations.

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Committee Meetings

MEAT RATIONING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 2024, to provide for the allocation of meat and a stand-by rationing program, with the following witnesses testifying generally in support of the legislation: Representative Javits, and Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck, national president of General Federation of Women's Clubs. Dr. Dewey Anderson, Public Affairs Institute; Don Montgomery, UAW, CIO; and Boris Shishkin, AFL, also testified.

On Saturday, the following witnesses testified against the legislation: J. Hawes, Idaho Cattlemen's Association; Loren Bamert, California Cattlemen's Association; C. L. Farrington, National Livestock Exchange, Chicago; Robert J. Eggert, American Meat Institute; Dr. Henry B. Arthur, Swift & Co., Chicago; L. B. Liljinquist, Western State Meat Packers Association of San Francisco; and George Dressler, executive secretary, National Association of Retail Meat Dealers. Subcommittee continues tomorrow.

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continuing hearings on price control and stabilization bills (S. 1873, S. 1888, S. 1923, S. 1967, and S. 2023), the committee heard the following witnesses testify generally against controls: J. Atlee Schafer, president, American Retail Coal Association; M. M. Miller, president, Miller Metal Products, Inc.; Glenn H. McCarthy, Houston, Tex.; Ernest O. Thompson, chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas; and Claude L. Benner, vice president, Continental American Life Insurance Co., Wilmington.

Mr. Benner stated that "this upward movement in prices can be stopped in two ways, and in only two ways; namely, by cutting down some of the present demand or by increasing the present supply of goods and commodities to meet the demand." Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOUSING AND RENTS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee on Housing and Rent Control met in executive session to discuss administration of the Housing and Rent Law of 1947, and proposed changes.

On Saturday, January 31, the subcommittee concluded its hearings on the various bills for the continuation of rent control (S. 1741, S. 2001, S. 2014, and S. 2015), after receiving opposition testimony from the following witnesses: John Usher, Chicago; Douglas Dorn, National Apartment Owners Association, Inc., San Francisco; Kent Ernest Fontaine, New York; Daniel J. O'Brien, American Hotel Association; Jack Horner, president, Missouri Property Owners' Association; L. A. Weisser, Harry Hansen, and T. V. Neal, Property Owners Association of America; and Donald C. Haas, president, and Harry T. Williams, executive secretary, Apartment Operators Association, Inc., of Seattle.

The following two witnesses testified in support of control: John J. Lamula, legislative representative of the Joint Rent Action Committee, New York State, and Robert E. Reynolds, Fairlington Association. Senator Sparkman discussed his bill.

LEGISLATIVE REORGANIZATION

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Committee opened hearings on the evaluation of the Legislative Reorganization Act, and heard both

Senator Taft and Robert Heller, Chairman of the National Committee for Strengthening Congress, discuss the effectiveness of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, and what they thought should be changed.

Senator Taft thought there should be some recasting of functions of committees so that they do not overlap; he favored a change in the legislative budget, but did not think postponing the date for reporting back to the Congress on the budget would be the answer. He recommended the consolidation of the appropriation bills into one, as provided for in the Byrd-Butler bill. He also recommended that the system of assigning Senators to committees be changed so as to give the majority party a better working majority on each committee.

Mr. Heller recommended that the Majority Policy Committee be reconstituted and composed only of chairmen of the standing committees. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Continuing hearings on the proposed European recovery program, the committee received opposition testimony from the following witnesses: Joseph Scott, attorney, Los Angeles; John B. Trevors, American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, New York City; and former Representative Sweeney. The following witnesses also testified: Russell B. Brown, general counsel, Independent Petroleum Association of America; Ely Culbertson, Citizens Committee for United Nations Reform, New York City; L. H. Pasqualiocho, Order of the Sons of Italy in America; and Harry Lundeberg, president, Seafarers International Union of North America, San Francisco.

On Saturday, January 31, the committee heard the following testify in support of the program: Robert M. La Follette, member of the President's Committee on Foreign Aid; Charles P. Taft, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; William Batt, Sr., chairman, Philadelphia Branch of the Stimson Committee and Director of UN Council; and Robert Rosamond, Philadelphia. Also testifying were: Lewis H. Brown, president, Johns-Manville Co.; and J. R. Gormley, Pacific Coast Marine Firemen, Oilers, Water Tenders, and Wipers Association. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SYNTHETIC FUELS AND PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: In executive session the committee agreed to report to the Senate the following bills: S. 134, to authorize an additional \$30 million for construction and operation of demonstration plants to produce synthetic liquid fuels from coal, oil shales, agricultural and forestry products, and other substances; S. 1990, to continue construction of

the Deer Creek and Aqueduct Divisions of the Provo River project, Utah; S. 1782, to select superintendents of national cemeteries from meritorious male members of the armed forces who were disabled in line of duty, with amendment; H. R. 4115, private land bill; S. 1583, regarding conveyance of parcel of land for use of University of Maryland; S. 1037, revision of the boundaries of the Caribou National Forest in Idaho, with amendment; and H. R. 3503, to permit issuance of unrestricted deeds, town sites, Alaska, with amendment.

Subcommittee on Interior and Insular Affairs met in executive session on Saturday, January 31.

ANTILYNCHING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 42, antilynching bill, with Senator Stennis opposing, and Walter White, National Association for Advancement of Colored People, and Osmond K. Froenkel, American Civil Liberties Union, favoring the legislation. Subcommittee continues on February 6.

VETERANS' HOSPITALS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs heard Representative O'Toole, Col. George E. Ijams, and John M. Baker, United Veterans Hospital Organization, Clinton, Iowa, and others, testify in support of H. Con. Res. 54, providing for the use of the Schick General Hospital, Iowa, by the Veterans' Administration.

Senator Revercomb, Col. George E. Ijams, and others testified in support of S. 1414 and H. R. 3814, to establish a hospital for Negro veterans at the birthplace of Booker T. Washington. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL AID HIGHWAYS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads opened hearings on S. 1954, to provide Federal aid for highways at the rate of \$300,000,000 per year for the fiscal year 1950-1951, with Senator Revercomb testifying in support of his measure, and with R. H. Baldock, president, American Association of State Highway Officials, supporting the bill but urging a greater outlay of expenditures. Hearings continue tomorrow.

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Bills Introduced: Fifteen public bills, H. R. 5238 to 5252; six private bills, H. R. 5253 to 5258; and seven resolutions, H. Res. 451, H. J.-Res. 315 and 316, and H. Con. Res. 142 to 145, were introduced.

Bill Reported: One report was made as follows:

H. R. 5216, providing for investigation by FBI of any person appointed as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission (H. Rept. 1290).

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Presidential Messages: Heard message from the President recommending establishment of a permanent Commission on Civil Rights and several joint congressional committees whose primary purpose will be the study of problems relative to fair employment practices, Federal lynching laws, and election qualifications in all States and the District of Columbia. Referred to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered printed as House Document No. 516.

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Also returned H. R. 3111, a private claim bill, without signature of approval, which was referred back to the Committee on the Judiciary (H. Doc. No. 517).

Income-Tax Bill: Passed by a vote of 297 yeas to 120 nays, H. R. 4790, individual income-tax bill for 1948, which would give taxpayers \$100 increase in personal tax exemptions, reduce all tax payments by from 10 to 30 percent, and allow income splitting for tax purposes as presently used in community-property States.

Adopted a committee amendment, offered on the floor, relating to equalizing the operation of the Federal estate and gift tax law in the community- and non-community-property States.

Rejected, by a vote of 258 nays to 159 yeas, a motion offered by Mr. Rayburn, to recommit the bill to Committee on Ways and Means for revision. Pages 838-927

Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Johnson of California, on retirement of Reserve officers; Mr. Lane, on increase of veterans' subsistence allowances; Mr. Heselton, on fuel-oil shortage; Mrs. Rogers of Massachusetts, on reissuance of paper currency in different colors for each denomination.

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Committee Meetings

DISABILITY RETIREMENT—RUBBER—OIL

Committee on Armed Services: Legal Subcommittee met on disability retirement and heard Major General Dahlquist, of the Department of the Army, who discussed the Army's retirement system.

The Subcommittee on Organization and Mobilization met in executive session on H. R. 5007 (synthetic rubber) to require the Government to maintain a synthetic rubber industry capable of producing up to 675,000 tons of rubber annually.

Special Subcommittee on Oil met and heard testimony of James Terry Duce, vice president, Arabian-American Oil Co., and Donald O'Hara, of the National Petroleum Association. Full committee meets tomorrow.

D. C. TEACHERS

Committee on the District of Columbia: On January 31, the committee met on H. Con. Res. 132, relative to standards of teaching of American history and the Constitution in D. C. schools, and heard Margaret Hopkins Worrell, representing Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Dr. Regis Boyle, president, Education Association of the District of Columbia; James V. Taylor, president, ECTA; Helen E. Samuel, president, JHSTA; Alice Jones, an ex-teacher; Thelma Baltimore, Columbian Education Association; Charles Hagerty, chairman of the education committee, SECCA; Eugene A. Grady, VFW; and a letter was read into the record from the Sons of the American Revolution.

GSI STRIKE

Committee on Education and Labor: Hoffman Subcommittee on GSI strike met and heard Victor Daly and Robert Morrison, both representing USES; Ethel Dew, receptionist, Local 471, UPW; and J. C. Niehess, personnel manager, Government Services, Inc. The committee adjourned to meet this evening at 7 p. m.

PETROLEUM

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in executive session and unanimously adopted a resolution which insists that the Department of Commerce shall immediately consult with all countries to which allocations of petroleum and petroleum products were made on January 16, with the view to arranging without further delay a reduction in the quotas, for the months of February and March, of kerosene, gas, oil, distillate fuel oil, and residual fuel oil, to at least 50 percent of the amount formerly allocated.

TRADE-MARKS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights met in executive session on various pending bills. Full committee meets tomorrow.

ALASKA

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions met on various bills and heard Alfred Owen, of Kodiak, Alaska, who spoke briefly on Alaskan salmon industry and legislation relating thereto; Irwin Silverman of the Division of Territories, Department of the Interior, appeared in favor of H. R. 4549, to authorize the enactment by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska of a code of laws for Alaska; Conrad L. Wirth, of the National Park Service, appeared in favor of H. R. 4691, relative to construction of tourist facilities in Alaska.

Later the subcommittee ordered favorably reported to the full committee H. R. 4549, and H. R. 3344, a bill changing the geographical boundaries for the third division of the Federal District Court of Alaska; the committee deferred action on H. R. 4691. Full committee meets tomorrow.

FASCISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: Subcommittee on Fascism continued its hearing relative to certain undesirable aliens who secured entry into this country without proper visas, and received further testimony from John Bankhead, American consul at Windsor, Ontario.

VA MEDICAL PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met and heard Dr. Paul B. Magnuson, medical director, and Dr. H. A. Press, budget officer, Medical Department, both of the Veterans' Administration, outline the future medical program of the Veterans' Administration.

Joint Committee Meetings

D. C. HOME RULE

Joint Meeting of Subcommittees: Subcommittees on Home Rule and Reorganization of the Senate and House Committees on the District of Columbia met on S. 1968 and H. R. 4902, providing for home rule and reorganization in the District of Columbia, and heard testimony by Representative Powell; D. C. Commissioners John Russell Young, Guy Mason, and Gordon R. Young; and Vernon E. West, District Corporation counsel. Hearings continued tomorrow.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF 80TH CONGRESS

The following are tables on nominations and legislative activity, run monthly in the DAILY DIGEST.

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the House and Senate during this session, January 6, 1948, through January 31, 1948.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 6 through January 31, 1948

	Senate	House	Total
Days in session	12	15	
Time in session	32 hrs., 27' 54		
Session	2.7 hrs.	3.6 hrs.	
Pages of proceedings	351	505	856
Appendix	IMAD LE SETANDENIA	7.00	570
Public bills enacted into law	3	5	8
Private bills enacted into law	21	12	33
Bills in conference			**6
Bills through conference			1
Measures passed, total	8r	103	
Senate bills	39	24	
House bills	30	60	
Senate joint resolutions	I	1	
House joint resolutions	-	1	
Senate concurrent resolu-			
tions	I	1	10
House concurrent resolu-			
tions	I	I	
Simple resolutions	9	15	24
Measures reported, total	*53	44	
Senate bills	29	1	
House bills	9	34	
Senate joint resolutions	5	of the late	
House joint resolutions		1	
Senate concurrent resolu-			
tions			
House concurrent resolu-			
tions	I		
Simple resolutions	9	8	17
Special reports	5	10	
Conference reports Reported measures not acted			1
on	**61	*110	

*These figures on measures reported include all placed on calendar or acted on by Senate even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 47 reports has been filed in the Senate; a total

of 55 has been filed in the House.

**This figure does not agree with the total difference between bills reported and bills passed, because resolutions and bills placed on the House Calendar without having been formally reported were not included in figures of measures reported to the House; the difference in the case of Senate figures is due to uncounted bills "laid on the table" or "indefinitely postponed." These data include bills on Calendar and in conference at the end of the first session.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY—Continued

M	Senate	House	Total
Measures introduced, total	197	483	680
Bills	172	406	578
Joint resolutions	10	30	40
Concurrent resolutions	4	12	16
Simple resolutions	II	35	46
Quorum calls	10	3	13
Yea-and-nay votes	0	3	3

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 6-JANUARY 31, 1948+

RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 6-JANUARY 31, 1	1948†
Postmaster nominations, totaling 570, disposed of as follows: Confirmed	None
Withdrawn	None None
Unconfirmed	570
Army nominations, totaling 121, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	None None
Rejected	None 108
Air Force nominations, totaling 172, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	151
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	21
Navy nominations, totaling 251, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	77
Withdrawn	None None
Rejected	174
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 608, disposed of as follows:	1/4
Confirmed	1
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	607
Civilian nominations other than postmasters, totaling 1,552, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,438
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	114
Summary	
Total nominations received	3, 274
Total rejected	None
Total withdrawn	None
Total unconfirmed	1,594

† The table on nominations does not account for 271 Army nominations, 23 Navy, 13 Air Force, and 2 Marine Corps, carried over from the first session and confirmed this month. This procedure was possible under unanimous consent to suspend Rule 38, paragraph 6, as applied to these nominations.

Total confirmed.....

Tuesday, February 3, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate on St. Lawrence Seaway.

Bills increasing veteran student subsistence passed by House.

Meat rationing rejected by Senate group.

Bills on armed forces, patents, copyrights, and public lands ordered reported to House.

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Bills Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2122 to S. 2125; and S. Res. 193 and 194.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

The following private bills:

S. 129, 511, 111, 1395, H. R. 422, 648, 650, 928, 1078, 1408, 1650, 2350, 3088, 3168, 4115, S. 936, 981, and H. R. 1788 (S. Rept. 857–870, 876, 879, 880, and 882, respectively).

H. R. 3778, establishing record evidence of oath of office by a Member of the House of Representatives

(S. Rept. 871).

S. 134, to authorize an additional \$30,000,000 for construction and operation of demonstration plants to produce synthetic liquid fuels from coal, oil shales, agricultural and forestry products, and other substances (S. Rept. 872).

S. 1583, regarding conveyance of parcel of land for

use of University of Maryland (S. Rept. 873).

S. 1782, to select superintendents of national cemeteries from meritorious male members of the armed forces who were disabled in line of duty (S. Rept. 874).

H. R. 3503, to permit issuance of unrestricted deeds,

town sites, Alaska (S. Rept. 875).

S. 1037, revision of the boundaries of the Caribou

National Forest in Idaho (S. Rept. 877).

S. 1990, to continue construction of the Deer Creek and Aqueduct Divisions of the Provo River project, Utah (S. Rept. 878).

S. 1706, relative to employment of Richard K. Phelps (S. Rept. 881).

Bill Referred: House-passed bill H. R. 4790 was referred to the Committee on Finance. (For passage in House, see Digest, p. D59.

Resolutions Passed: The Senate adopted S. Res. 193, extending until March 1, 1948, the period in which the

Committee on the Judiciary may file its report relating to investigation of the immigration system; S. Res. 194, authorizing printing of 2,000 additional copies of S. Rept. 855, part 2, covering U. S. Information Service in Europe.

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St. Lawrence Seaway: Senate continued debate on S. J. Res. 111, St. Lawrence Seaway; and also heard Senator Jenner discuss the Marshall Plan.

Pages 949-972

Nominations: Senate received 28 civilian nominations.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARMING

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Subcommittee met in executive session to discuss its proposed report to the full committee, and agreed to file such a report with the full committee tomorrow, at which time it will be released to the public.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior began hearings on reclamation with W. L. Frazer, attorney for, and J. L. Brown, assistant superintendent, Peter Kiewit Sons Co.; Allan Rowe, Los Angeles independent consulting engineer; C. S. Davis, project manager of the Arizona-Nevada Constructors; A. J. Orselli, constructing engineer for Bechtel Corp.; and M. E. Broan, for the Morrison-Knudson Co., Inc.; and for M. H. Hasler, a joint venturer, discussing various reclamation projects on the Friant-Kern Canal of the Central Valley project. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ARMED SERVICE BILLS

Committee on Armed Services: In executive session the committee agreed to report the following bills to the Senate: S. 1795, to repeal certain regulations governing inquiries to be made in connection with disbursements by disbursing officers of the Army; S. 1525, to provide transportation for certain Government and other per-

sonnel, with perfecting amendment; and S. 1801, to authorize attendance of civilians at schools conducted by Army, Navy, and Air Force, and Joint-Service Schools, amended to limit expenditures at a rate not to exceed \$50,000 a year.

MEAT RATIONING

Committee on Banking and Currency: By a vote of 3 to 2, the subcommittee voted down S. 2024, to provide for the allocation of meat and a stand-by rationing program, after hearing further testimony from Under Secretary of Agriculture Brannan.

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continuing hearings on price control and stabilization bills (S. 1873, S. 1888, S. 1923, S. 1967, and S. 2023), committee heard John Schreiber, Eastern States Retail Solid Fuel Conference, and George R. Le Sauvage, chairman, National Public Feeding Industry Advisory Committee, testify against controls, and Russell Smith, Farmers' Union, favor controls. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee continued hearings on the proposed European recovery program, with James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer, CIO, and Ronald Bridges, Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches of the U. S., testifying in support of the plan; Joseph Curran, president, National Maritime Union, favored the program with reservations; Paul M. Mulliken, National Retail Farm Equipment Association, St. Louis, submitted a plan of his own. Hearings continue tomorrow.

CALIFORNIA INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee concluded hearings on the California Indian bills (S. 1685 and S. 1565), after receiving testimony by Alfred C. Gillis, Manuel C. Cordon, Herbert A. Ballos, W. G. Walker, and Adam Costello, representing the Indians of California, in favor of the purpose of the bill, but urging clarifying amendments; Glen Wilkinson, attorney, Boyd Jackson, Wade Crawford, and Mr. Kirk, members of the Klamath Indians, testified in support of the proposed legislation.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session the committee ordered favorably reported to the Senate the following nominations: John E. Parks, to be third judge of the First Circuit Court of Hawaii; Theodore B. Werner, to be U. S. marshal for district of South Dakota; Leland Stanford Finney, to be U. S. marshal

for western district of Virginia; William W. Hart, to be U. S. attorney for eastern district of Illinois; Gerald K. Nellis, to be U. S. marshal for northern district of New York; Felipe Sanchez y Baca, to be U. S. marshal for district of New Mexico; Howard L. Doyle, to be U. S. attorney for southern district of Illinois; Percy C. Fountain, to be U. S. attorney for southern district of Alabama; Albert M. Cristy, to be second judge of First Circuit, Circuit Courts of Hawaii; and Cable A. Wirtz, to be circuit judge of Second Circuit, Circuit Courts of Hawaii.

Committee agreed to report favorably H. R. 3778, establishing record evidence of oath of office by a Member of the House of Representatives.

Committee agreed to report the following private claims bills: S. 111, H. R. 1408, H. R. 3168, H. R. 1788, S. 936, and S. 981.

Committee agreed to report the following private immigration bills: S. 1395, H. R. 1078, H. R. 1650, H. R. 3088, S. 511, H. R. 422, H. R. 648, S. 129, H. R. 2350, H. R. 650, and H. R. 928.

VETERANS' HOSPITALS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 1035, S. 1414, H. R. 3814, and H. Con. Res. 54, bills for veterans' hospitals, with Senator Cordon, Representative Ellsworth, Representative Angell, John Walter Jones, VFW, of Oregon, and O. H. Bengston, Bedford, Oreg., testifying in support of S. 1035. Walter White, NAACP; Robert Carter, AVC; and Dr. Montague Cobb, testified against S. 1414 and H. R. 3814. The following witnesses appeared in opposition to all of the above bills: General Hawley, former medical director of the VA, and Dr. Paul B. Magnuson, medical director of the VA.

ROUTINE MATTERS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Committee met in executive session and discussed routine matters. Subcommittee meets on February 5 to explore charges of political activity in the REA.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads continued hearings on S. 1954, to provide Federal aid for highways at the rate of \$300,000,000 per year for the fiscal year 1950–1951, and heard D. W. Winkleman, vice president, Associated Contractors of America, testify in support of Federal aid for highways, but holding that the bill did not go far enough. He felt it would not authorize enough funds, nor provide for a long enough period. Hearings continue tomorrow.

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Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Ten public bills, H. R. 5259-5268; three private bills, H. R. 5269-5271; and three resolutions, H. Res. 452, H. J. Res. 317, and H. Con. Res. 146, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

For details of 28 bills reported from the House Committee on Public Lands, see report of that committee under "Committee Meetings" in this Digest.

H. J. Res. 296, maintaining status quo with respect to Social Security coverage regulations for employment and unemployment taxes and Social Security benefits pending action by Congress on extension of coverage (H. Rept. 1319); and

H. R. 5052, qualifying employer-employee status on certain newspaper and magazine vendors for Social Security purposes (H. Rept. 1320).

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Bills Referred: Eight bills, passed by the Senate on Tuesday, February 3, were referred to appropriate House Committees.

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Private Calendar: Considered private claims bills on the Private Calendar and took the following action:

Passed without amendment: H. R. 350, 1780, 1915, 2214, 2914, 3089, 3425, 4443; and S. 664, 1411.

Passed, amended: H. R. 332, 380, 697, 1022, 1733, 1929, 2268, 2427, 2433, 2697, 3427, 3968, and 4400.

Passed over without prejudice: H. R. 2136.

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Consent Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Consent Calendar:

Interparliamentary Union: S. 1005, authorizing participation by the United States in the Interparliamentary Union.

Mining Liquidation: H. R. 4856, delaying liquidation of mineral interests reserved to the United States, as required by Farmers' Home Administration Act of 1946.

Post-Office Site: H. R. 4836, authorizing purchase of

new post-office site in Omaha, Nebr.

Federal Building: H. R. 3506, providing for acquisition of site for new Federal building in Huntingdon, W. Va., adjoining existing Federal buildings.

New Post Office: H. R. 4967, providing for acquisition of site and plans for new post office and remodeling of existing main post office in Portland, Oreg.

Alien Fiancées' Visas: H. R. 4838, extending until December 31, 1948, the validity period of the act to facilitate admission into the United States of alien fiancés or fiancées of members of the United States armed forces.

Weather Bureau: H. R. 4426, providing basic authority for certain functions and activities of the Weather Bureau.

Flood Control: H. R. 2000, for relief of Jeffersonville flood-control district in Indiana.

Letters Patent: H. R. 3366, furnishing back copies of U. S. patents to public libraries.

Enemy Aliens: H. R. 1878, empowering Attorney General to exclude aliens from entering United States, whose purpose of coming to this Nation might endanger public safety.

Commerce Personnel: H. R. 4427, establishing specific authority for routine administrative activities necessary in carrying out the functions of the Department of Commerce.

Frigate "Constellation": S. 1796, providing for preservation of the frigate Constellation and disposition of certain replaced parts as souvenirs. The text of H. R. 4505 was substituted as an amendment to the Senate bill.

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Veterans' Subsistence Allowances: Under suspension of the rules, the following veterans' legislation was passed:

S. 1393, in lieu of H. R. 246, to raise ceilings on wages and allowances payable to veterans undergoing training on the job. Estimated cost for this authorization is set at \$85,422,000. The vote on this measure was 373 yeas to 5 nays.

Pages 991-1000

S. 1394, in lieu of H. R. 4212, to provide increased subsistence allowance to veterans pursuing certain courses under the GI bill of rights. Estimated cost for this authorization is set at \$217,144,000. This bill was passed by a vote of 372 yeas to 6 nays. Pages 1001-1008

D. C. Insurance: Passed H. Con. Res. 146, authorizing certain corrections to be made on H. R. 1634, D. C. life-insurance regulations bill.

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Independent Offices Appropriations: Spent 2 hours in general debate on H. R. 5214, a bill providing appropriations for the executive office of the President, and sundry independent offices of the Government. Postponed further consideration till Wednesday, February 4.

Pages 1009-1019

Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Murray of Wisconsin, on butter and margarine tax comparisons; H. Carl Andersen, on 1948 income-tax reduction bill; and Mr. Celler, on the Palestine-Arabian question.

Pages 1019-1037

Committee Meetings

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Foot-and-Mouth Disease met to discuss establishment of a research laboratory for the study of foot-and-mouth disease, and heard Senators George J. Hatfield and Harold J. Powers, of the California State Senate. Hearings continue to-

ARMED SERVICES ACTIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Met and agreed to report the following bills favorably to the House:

S. 1252, fixing the duties of the Chief of Naval Opera-

S. 1961, dealing with navigation lights on naval vessels.

S. 1673, a private bill.

H. R. 4721, relative to the statutory limits on repairs to naval vessels.

H. R. 1275, authorizing payment of medical claims for certain naval personnel.

H. R. 5035, authorizing the Marine Band to attend the GAR convention at Grand Rapids, Mich., in September.

H. R. 3279, relative to the laws pertaining to tours of duty overseas for Army officers.

H. R. 5183, authorizing the secretaries of the respec-

tive services to accept gifts and bequests.

The committee also agreed to have taken from the Speaker's table H. R. 1366, pertaining to purchases and contracts for supplies made by the War and Navy Departments to assure that a fair proportion of contracts be made with small business concerns, and concur in the Senate amendments.

RENT CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met on rent control and heard Tighe E. Woods, Housing Expediter, who requested that the present rent control provisions of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947 be extended until March 31, 1950, and that the act be strengthened in the following manner:

1. Deletion of the provision removing accommodations subject to the 15 percent lease from control, but

recognizing the rent provided in such leases;

2. Provision for effective enforcement of the Federal statute by permitting the Housing Expediter to sue for overcharges if the tenant does not do so and by permitting the Housing Expediter to refer willful violations to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecutions; and

3. Provision for enforcement of all violations, including unlawful evictions, instead of limiting action solely to overcharges, by extending the enforcement sanc-

tions to all sections of the act.

Mr. Woods also requested allocation and priority authority with respect to building materials. Hearing continues tomorrow.

GSI STRIKE

Committee on Education and Labor: In a night session on February 2, the Hoffman subcommittee met and endeavored to obtain the facts as to whether the administration is trying to force GSI to bargain with a union whose officials will not sign the anticommunistic affidavits proposed in the Taft-Hartley Act, and heard Abram Flaxer, international president of UPW-CIO, who was accompanied by his attorney, Nathan R. Witt; and Clarence Mitchell, national labor secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

On February 3, the subcommittee continued their hearings and heard Richard Bancroft, president of local 471, UPW-CIO; Oliver T. Palmer, business agent for local 471, UPW-CIO; and O. C. Boehn, manager, National Food Corp. Restaurant at the Pentagon Building. Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Resumed public hearings on the general question of United States foreign policy for a postwar recovery program and heard O. K. Armstrong and Norman M. Lyttle. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PRINTING—EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on House Administration: Met in executive session and agreed to report favorably to the House the following three resolutions:

H. Res. 359, authorizing the printing of the reports of the Special Tax Study Committee of the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, as a House document, and further authorizes the printing of 3,000 additional copies of said report, of which 1,000 shall be for the use of the House of Representatives, and 2,000 for the use of the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. Res. 421, providing additional funds for the conduct of the investigation and study of reorganization and home rule for the District of Columbia.

H. Res. 405, providing that the expenses of the investigation and study to be conducted by the Select Committee on Small Business, authorized by H. Res. 18 of the Eightieth Congress, shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House on vouchers authorized by such committee, signed by the chairman thereof, and approved by the Committee on House Administration.

FM ASSIGNMENT

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Conducted public hearings on H. J. Res. 78, relating to assignment of a section of the 50-megacycle band of radio frequencies for frequency modulation (FM) and heard Representative Lemke, sponsor of the bill; and the inventor of frequency modulation, Dr. Edwin H. Armstrong, professor of electrical engineering, Columbia University, New York City, both of whom appeared in favor of the resolution.

PATENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Met and agreed to report favorably to the House H. R. 4931, with amendments designed to increase copyright filing fees, and H. R. 4304, to extend time limitations on patents issued to persons who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II.

Also it was agreed to report 14 private claims bills and 7 private immigration bills. Two private claims measures and one private immigration measure were tabled.

PUBLIC LAND ACTIONS

Committee on Public Lands: Met and ordered the following 33 bills reported favorably to the House:

S. 522, authorizes sale of land of L'Anse Band of Chippewas of Michigan, with amendments. (H. Rept. 1201.)

S. 805, school building, Duchesne and Uintah County, Utah.

S. 1133, per capita payment to Indians, Fort Berthold Reservation, N. Dak., with amendments. (H. Rept. 1292.)

S. 1485, disposal of Albuquerque Indian School lands, New Mexico. (H. Rept. 1293.)

S. 1507, authorizes sale of lots in Michel addition, Polson, Mont. (H. Rept. 1294.)

S. 1698, defines exterior boundary, Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation, Utah.

H. R. 2159, sewage disposal system, Yorktown area, Colonial National Historical Park, Va. (H. Rept. 1295.)

H. R. 3344, amends Alaska Civil Government Act relative to transfer of small area from Third to Fourth Iudicial division.

H. R. 3603, Idaho-Wyoming to negotiate for waters of Snake River, with amendments. (H. Rept. 1296.)

H. R. 3628, revises method of issuing patents for public lands. (H. Rept. 1297.)

H. R. 3685, authorizes sale of burial ground in Kansas City, Kans., with amendments. (H. Rept. 1298.)

H. R. 3936, authorizing park police to make arrests on Federal Reservations, with amendments. (H. Rept. 1299.)

H. R. 4023, authorizes De Soto National Monument in Florida. (H. Rept. 1300.)

H. R. 4027, Transfers transmission lines, substations, Fort Peck project, Montana. (H. Rept. 1301.)

H. R. 4118, Patent to lands in Rankin County, Miss., with amendments. (H. Rept. 1318.)

H. R. 4272, procurement headstones, markers, for graves members of armed services.

H. R. 4461, approving certain functions, regarding public lands be performed in field. (H. Rept. 1302.)

H. R. 4462, conveys lands in Park County to the State of Wyoming, with amendments. (H. Rept. 1303.)

H. R. 4513, eliminates oaths, regarding certain land matters. (H. Rept. 1307.)

H. R. 4515, relative to selecting superintendents of national cemeteries from members of armed forces, with amendments. (H. Rept. 1304.)

H. R. 4549, authorizes enactment of code of laws for Alaska.

H. R. 4823, school facilities within Yellowstone National Park. (H. Rept. 1305.)

H. R. 4980, acquisition of lands within Glacier Na-

tional Park, Mont. (H. Rept. 1306.)

H. J. Res. 61, changes name of Park River Dam and Reservoir to Homme Reservoir and Dam. (H. Rept. 1308.)

H. J. Res. 150, establishes Francis Scott Key National Monument, with amendments. (H. Rept. 1309.)

Also, the committee ordered favorably reported eight land patent bills: S. 310, S. 311, S. 312, S. 313, S. 402, S. 499, S. 500, and S. 542. (H. Repts. 1310-1317, incl.).

BLACK-MARKET PRACTICES

Committee on Public Works: Macy Subcommittee on black-market practices met in executive session.

BALTIMORE VA HOSPITAL

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Hospitals met on H. R. 4950, authorizing a Veterans' Administration general medical and surgical hospital in Baltimore, Md., and heard Representatives Fallon, Sasscer, Garmatz, and Meade of Maryland, sponsor of the bill; Dr. Perrin H. Long, Department of Preventive Medicine, Johns Hopkins University; Elroy F. Jenkins, Maryland State service officer, VFW; Dr. H. A. Press, budget officer, Medical Department, Veterans' Administration; William Pritzker, Maryland department commander, DAV; and Harry S. Allen, Maryland department commander, American Legion, and others, all of whom appeared in favor of the proposed legislation.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session on H. R. 4979, providing for the disposition of internal-revenue collections on articles produced in the

Virgin Islands, but made no announcement and adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Joint Committee Meetings

CIVIL-SERVICE RETIREMENT

Conferees met on H. R. 4127, to liberalize annuities and benefits for Federal employees, to compromise the differences between the two versions of the bill as passed by the House and Senate, but made no announcement of action taken. Meet again Friday.

D. C. HOME RULE

Joint Meeting of Subcommittees: Subcommittees on Home Rule and Reorganization of the Senate and House Committees on the District of Columbia met on S. 1968 and H. R. 4902, providing for home rule and reorganization in the District of Columbia, and heard Vernon West, District of Columbia Corporation Counsel, and Walter Fowler, District of Columbia Budget Officer, both of whom appeared in opposition to the proposed legislation. Donald Stone, assistant director, Federal Bureau of the Budget, appeared in favor of home rule and reorganization. Hearings continue tomorrow.

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Wednesday, February 4, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed on time to vote on St. Lawrence Seaway. House passed Independent Offices Appropriation Bill for 1949. Legislative Budget Committee voted on expenditures and revenues. Senate group adopted long-range farm program report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 1039-1046

Bills Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2126 to S. 2130.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1801, to authorize attendance of civilians at schools conducted by Army, Navy, and Air Force, and Joint-Service Schools, with amendments (S. Rept. 883).

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"Constellation": Senate asked for a conference on S. 1796, to provide for preservation of the frigate Constellation, and appointed as conferees Senators Saltonstall, Baldwin, and Byrd.

Veterans: Senate asked for a conference on S. 1393, to increase rate of allowance and compensation to veterans for training on the job, and appointed as conferees Senators Taft, Ball, Morse, Thomas (Utah), and Hill.

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St. Lawrence Seaway: Senate continued debate on S. J. Res. 111, St. Lawrence Seaway, and entered into a unanimous-consent agreement providing for a vote at 4 p. m. on February 27, on any amendments and passage of the resolution. The agreement foreclosed

amendments not germane or which are not submitted before February 23. A motion to recommit the resolution shall be in order only on February 23 but vote to be taken on February 27. The time on February 27 intervening between 12 noon and 4 p. m. shall be equally divided between proponents and opponents, to be controlled respectively by Senators Wiley and Lodge.

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Confirmations: Senate confirmed the following nominations: Albert M. Cristy, Cable A. Wirtz, and John E. Parks, to be circuit judges for Hawaii; together with three U. S. attorneys, and four U. S. marshals. Page 1067

Nomination: Senate received nomination of Rear-Adm. Edwin D. Foster, to be Paymaster General and Chief of Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM REPORT

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee adopted the report on long-range farm program submitted by the subcommittee, and agreed to report it to the Senate on February 9. Committee meets tomorrow on S. 2038, research program on foot-and-mouth diseases.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Continuing its hearings on reclamation, the Subcommittee on Interior received further testimony from W. L. Frazer, attorney for, and J. L. Brown, assistant superintendent, Peter Kiewit Sons Co.; C. S. Davis, project manager of the Arizona-Nevada Constructors; A. J. Orselli, constructing engineer for Bechtel Corp.; and M. E. Broan, for the Morrison-Knudson Co., Inc., on various reclamation projects on the Friant-Kern Canal of the Central Valley project. Michael W. Straus, Commissioner, and Kenneth Markwell, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, with assistants, also testified on the same matter. Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOUSING AND RENTS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee concluded hearings on bills proposing continuation of rent control (S. 1741, S. 2001, S. 2014, and S. 2015), after receiving testimony from Alex Elson, chairman, Chicago City Rent Commission, in support of the legislation, and opposition testimony from Harry Hansen, Des Moines, and Dr. V. T. Neal, San Antonio, both of the Property Owners' Association of America, and Harry T. Williams, executive secretary, Apartment Operators Association, Inc., of Seattle. Subcommittee meets tomorrow in executive session.

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continuing hearings on price control and stabilization bills (S. 1873, S. 1888, S. 1923, S. 1967, and S. 2023), the subcommittee received opposition testimony from the following four witnesses: Hans A. Eggerss, president, Continental Can Co.; Simon D. Strauss, American Smelting & Refining Co.; C. C. Felton, vice president, Revere Copper & Brass, Inc.; Roger E. Gay, president, the Bristol Brass Corp.; and Dr. Emerson P. Schmidt, director, economic research, U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Robert J. Silberstein, executive secretary of the National Lawyers Guild, and Emil Rieve, president, Textile Workers Union, CIO, testified in support of controls. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Hearings were continued on the proposed European recovery program, with Earl O. Shreve, president, U. S. Chamber of Commerce, and David A. Bunn, committee for effective

citizenship, National Intercollegiate Christian Council, testifying for the program; Dr. George P. Murdock, Yale University, and Carl A. Schmidt, Dayton, Ohio, appeared in opposition to the program; True D. Morse, president, Doane Agricultural Service, Inc., St. Louis, discussed the program, making some suggestions of his own. Hearings continue tomorrow.

NATURAL GAS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee opened hearings on H. R. 4051, amending Natural Gas Act relative to jurisdiction of Federal Power Commission fixing rates for sale of natural gas in interstate commerce, and received testimony from the following witnesses in opposition to the bill, and proposing amendments to it: Anne Alpern, city solicitor for Pittsburgh, Pa.; John Girgal, Independent Petroleum Association of America; Ed Faulk, Independent Natural Gas Association of America; Dan Emery, Phillips Petroleum Co., Bartlesville, Okla.; and John E. Benton, advisory council for the National Association of Railroad and Utilities Commissioners. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ANTIMONOPOLY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee met on S. 104, antimonopoly bill, and received testimony from the following witnesses analyzing the bill and reviewing the economic conditions surrounding such legislation: Robert E. Dreher, attorney, Des Moines; Donald D. Brooks and Hugh O. Dishow, Bureau of Standards; and Walter Flood, chemist, Chicago.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee heard Dr. Marjorie Shearon, of the Shearon Medical Legislative Service, continue her testimony on S. 545, to create an independent national health agency, and S. 1320, to provide a national health insurance and public health program, discussing the philosophy of the two bills. She continues her testimony tomorrow.

FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY

Committee on Public Works: William A. Stinchcomb, American Automobile Association, and Tom W. Holman, president, Western Association of State Highway Officials, appeared before the Subcommittee on Roads in support of S. 1954, to provide Federal aid for highways at the rate of \$300,000,000 per year for the fiscal year 1950–51.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventeen public bills, H. R. 5272-5288; three private bills, H. R. 5289-5291; and six resolutions, H. Res. 453-457, and H. J. Res. 318, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Progress report of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce entitled "Fuel Investigation" (H. Rept. 1321);

H. Res. 447, authorizing the Committee on Armed Services to continue investigations as authorized under H. Res. 141, Eightieth Congress (H. Rept. 1322);

H. Res. 453, rule providing for 2 hours' general debate and consideration of amendments to H. R. 2161, to construct demonstration plants to manufacture synthetic fuel from coal and oil shales (H. Rept. 1323);

S. 1961, extending exemption of certain Navy or Coast Guard vessels from complying with Rules of the Road, regarding lights (H. Rept. 1327);

H. R. 4721, removing statutory limitation on repairs or alterations to a naval vessel (H. Rept. 1328); and

Thirteen private claims bills, as follows: H. R. 1392, 1667, 1786, 2013, 2633, 2806, 3964, 4246, 4541, 4569, 4570, 4593, and 4672 (H. Repts. 1329–1341, inclusive).

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Expenditure Authorizations: Reported, considered, and agreed to three resolutions from the Committee on House Administration:

H. Res. 359 (H. Rept. 1324), authorizing printing of reports by Special Tax Study Committee, dated November 1947; with additional 1,000 for use of the House, and 2,000 for the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. Res. 421 (H. Rept. 1325), authorizing expenditure of additional \$15,000 by the committee making study of D. C. home rule and reorganization.

H. Res. 405 (H. Rept. 1326), authorizing expenditure of additional \$70,000 by select committee making small-business study.

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Veterans' Subsistence: House insisted on its amendments to S. 1393, to provide increase of subsistence payments for veterans' on-job training program, agreed to conference asked, and appointed Representatives Rogers of Massachusetts, Kearney, O'Konski, Rankin, and Allen of Louisiana, as its conferees.

Independent Offices Appropriations: Passed, by a vote of 339 yeas to 10 nays, the first major appropriation bill for 1949. H. R. 5214 calls for appropriations of

\$991,518,551 for the operation of the Executive Office of President and some 30 independent offices and agencies of Government in the next fiscal year. This amount is \$56,280,313 below the Budget's estimate for 1949, but \$196,621,974 above the appropriations furnished in 1948.

Rejected, by vote of 82 nays to 59 yeas, an amendment offered by Mr. Rees, to reduce the emergency fund of the President by \$200,000.

Adopted a clarifying amendment, offered by Mr. Wigglesworth, cutting \$70,000 from appropriation to Federal Trade Commission regarding studies in the insurance field.

Adopted an amendment, offered by Representatives Heselton and Coffin, prohibiting conversion to oil or natural gas of heating systems in Government-owned or rented buildings.

Adopted an amendment, offered by Mr. Gary, authorizing Secretary of the Treasury to advance \$5,000 toward expenses incurred by the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin.

Pages 1074–1039

Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Hill, on farm-machinery exports; Mr. Heselton, on the fuel-oil shortage; and Mr. Buchanan, on the national housing shortage.

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Committee Meetings

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Foot-and-Mouth Disease concluded public hearings on the establishment of a research laboratory for the study of foot-and-mouth disease by receiving testimony from Senator Harold J. Powers, California State Senate; Dr. B. T. Simms, chief, Bureau of Animal Industry; Representative Lyle; Dr. Charles E. Duckworth, assistant director of California State Department of Agriculture.

OIL—DISABILITY RETIREMENT—COMMISSARIES

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil met and heard testimony of Ralph K. Davies, president, American Independent Oil Co.; Harold B. Fell, vice president, Independent Petroleum Association of America; and J. P. Jones, director of production, Pennsylvania Crude Oil Association.

Legal Subcommittee met on disability retirement investigation and heard Rear Adm. Thomas L. Sprague, chief, Bureau of Naval Personnel, and Maj. Gen. John

E. Dahlquist, Office of Personnel and Administration, Department of the Army.

Procurement and Supply Subcommittee met on H. R. 4037, relative to commissary privileges, and received testimony from a group of civilian employees from Kodiak, Alaska.

RENT CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met on rent control and heard Omar Ketchum, VFW; Ray Sawyer, AMVETS; and Joe Clorety, AVC, all of whom appeared in favor of continuing rent control. Tighe E. Woods, Housing Expediter, reappeared for questioning on his statement of yesterday. Hearings continue tomorrow.

D. C. STREETS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Public Service, Streets and Traffic met in executive session on H. R. 4849, providing for construction of Arizona Avenue through Canal Road and Tenley Circle, and ordered the legislation reported favorably to the full committee.

PROPAGANDA

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Met in executive session and adopted the report of the Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda on the investigation of publicity and propaganda of Federal officials, pertaining to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration program. It was also announced that minority reports on this same subject would be published.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Continued public hearings on the general question of United States foreign policy for a postwar recovery program and heard J. A. Smith, C. A. Barrett, William Davies, and David Lloyd. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FUEL-FM ASSIGNMENT

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in executive session and approved a progress report entitled "Fuel Investigation" on a nine-point program submitted by this committee to various Government agencies on December 19, 1947.

Later the committee held a public hearing on H. J. Res. 78, relating to assignment of a section of the 50-megacycle band of radio frequencies for frequency modulation (FM), and heard J. E. Brown, assistant vice president, Zenith Radio Corp., Chicago, Ill.; Lee McCanne, general manager and vice president, Strom-

berg-Carlson Co., Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. C. M. Jansky, Jr., Jansky & Bailey, consulting radio engineers, Washington, D. C.; Harlan T. Stetson, Needham, Mass.; Paul A. de Mars, consulting engineer, Washington, D. C.; Everett Dillard, Washington, D. C.; J. N. Bailey, executive director, FM Association, Washington, D. C.; and Col. John R. Howland, assistant to Commander E. F. McDonald, Jr., president of the Zenith Radio Corp., Chicago, Ill.

ALIEN HUSBANDS—ANTILYNCH

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization heard the following witnesses in support of H. R. 2765 and H. R. 5137, with respect to nonquota status for alien husbands:

Representative Lesinski; Frieda S. Miller, director, Women's Bureau, Department of Labor; Anna Lord Straus, national president, League of Women Voters; Geneva F. McQuartters, National Federation of Business and Professional Women; Olga Xanthoudaki, secretary, League of Repatriated Greek-American Women; Barbara Riker Mantopoulos; William Curock, American Civil Liberties Union; Mrs. Louis Ottenberg, National Council of Jewish Women. Supporting statements were submitted for the record by the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the American Association of University Women.

Subcommittee on Claims agreed to report favorably to the full committee 20 private bills and agreed to report 2 private bills adversely.

Subcommittee No. 4 conducted public hearings on various antilynching bills and heard the following witnesses:

Representatives Keating, Douglas, Powell, Celler, Heselton, Hand, and Canfield, sponsors of pending bills on the same subject; Walter White of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Mike M. Masaoka, legislative representative, Japanese-American Citizens League, Washington, D. C.; Bruce Waybur, Washington representative, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers, CIO; Carl Berueffy, American Civil Liberties Union, Washington, D. C.; and W. Robison, vice chairman, National Advisory Board of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress, all of whom appeared in favor of the proposed legislation.

Appearing in opposition were Representatives Hobbs, Rankin, Williams, and Dorn.

VIRGIN ISLANDS CORPORATION

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions met on H. R. 3108, creating the Government-owned Virgin Islands Corpora-

tion, and heard William H. Hastie, Governor of Virgin Islands, who testified in favor of the legislation; W. L. Ellis, assistant to the Comptroller General; Robert Brumagim, assistant director, Corporate Audits Division, GAO; and John Fenton, accountant, Corporate Audits Division, GAO; these three testified jointly on amendments made to the measure and also recommended further amendments.

RULES—RURAL CARRIERS—SYNTHETIC FUELS

Committee on Rules: Heard Chairman Rees, and Representatives Murray of Tennessee, and Cole of Missouri, of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, who favored a rule providing consideration for H. R. 1186, a bill to increase the equipment maintenance of rural carriers 1 cent per mile per day traveled by each rural carrier for a period of 12 months, and for other purposes. No action was taken on the resolution.

Heard 'Chairman Andrews of the Committee on Armed Services, who favored H. Res. 447, which authorizes the Committee on Armed Services to continue its investigation on matters coming within jurisdiction of the committee. The resolution was ordered favorably reported.

Heard Chairman Welch, and Representative Case of South Dakota, of the Committee on Public Lands, who favored a resolution providing consideration for H. R. 2161, a bill to amend the Synthetic Liquid Fuels Act, and to provide an additional 3-year period in which operations begun under the act may be continued. A resolution providing 2 hours of general debate was ordered reported.

VETERANS' INSURANCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Conducted public hearings on the subject of insurance for Japanese prisoners (military) who did not have opportunity to apply before being captured, and heard Lt. Col. Virgil O. McCollum (retired), Carlsbad, N. Mex., and Kenneth C. Bradley, DAV. Committee meets tomorrow.

NEWSPRINT

Select Committee on Newsprint and Paper Supply: Met in executive session and worked on future program of the committee.

Joint Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET

Joint Committee on Legislative Budget: The Joint Legislative Budget Subcommittee, consisting of five mem-

bers each of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, and of the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees, met in executive session and agreed to reduce the President's 1949 estimated expenditures of \$39.7 billion (Budget estimates for fiscal year 1949) by \$2.5 billion, leaving the estimated expenditures at \$37.2 billion. It agreed to adopt the \$47.3 billion revenue figure estimate recommended to the House Ways and Means Committee by the staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue. Finally, it voted that a minimum of \$2.6 billion should be applied to the public debt.

ECONOMIC REPORT

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: Dr. Charles O. Hardy, staff expert of the committee, met in executive session with the committee to present additional material on the President's Economic Report for committee discussion. Committee meets again February 7.

Chamber Action

D. C. HOME RULE

Page Topic

Joint Meeting of Subcommittees: Subcommittees on Home Rule and Reorganization of the Senate and House Committees on the District of Columbia continued hearings on S. 1968 and H. R. 4902, providing for home rule and reorganization in the District of Columbia, and received testimony generally in support of the bills from Col. William A. Roberts, attorney, W. L. Ellis, Assistant to the U. S. Comptroller General, and Mrs. Kathryn H. Stone, vice president, National League of Women Voters. C. Melvin Sharpe, chairman, Committee of 100 on the Federal City, and Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant 3d, chairman, National Capital Park and Planning Commission, appeared generally in opposition to the bills. Hearings continue tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see p. D49)

H. R. 3645, exchange of properties in Gettysburg National Military Park. Signed January 31, 1948 (Public Law 404).

S. J. Res. 179, to extend the date for the filing of the economic report by the Joint Committee on the Economic Report to March 1, 1948, instead of February 1, 1948. Signed February 2, 1948 (Public Law 405).

Thursday, February 5, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed synthetic-fuel and maritime bills and debated St. Lawrence Seaway.

Continuation of Armed Services investigation approved by House. Senate groups approved bills on rent control continuation, foot-and-mouth disease, and antidiscrimination.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 1101-1106

Bills Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2131 to S. 2136; S. Res. 195 and S. Res. 196.

Pages 1103-1104

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 1795, to repeal certain regulations governing inquiries to be made in connection with disbursements by disbursing officers of the Army (S. Rept. 884).

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Bill Referred: House-passed bill H. R. 5214 was referred to the Committee on Appropriations. (For passage in House, see Digest, p. D95.)

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Resolutions Passed: The Senate passed the following resolutions:

S. Res. 195, providing for the printing of 1,000 additional copies of the hearings held on the European recovery program, for the use of the Foreign Relations Committee;

S. Con. Res. 39 and S. Con. Res. 40, relative to joint session in commemoration of fiftieth anniversary of victory over Spain, and termination of the Joint Committee on Observance and Celebration of Victory Over Spain on May 19, 1948; S. Con. Res. 41, fiftieth anniversary of sinking of U. S. Battleship *Maine*; and

H. Con. Res. 146, authorizing certain corrections to be made on H. R. 1634, D. C. life-insurance regulations bill.

Pages 1103-1105

Synthetic Fuels: Senate passed S. 134, to authorize an additional \$30,000,000 for construction and operation of demonstration plants to produce synthetic liquid fuels from coal, oil shales, agricultural and forestry products, and other substances.

Pages 1123-1137

Maritime: Passed S. J. Res. 173, to continue to July 1, 1949, the authority of the Maritime Commission to sell, charter, and operate vessels, with amendments.

Pages 1142-1144

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Committee Assignment: Senator Dworshak was assigned to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

St. Lawrence Seaway: Senate continued debate on S. J. Res. 111, St. Lawrence Seaway.

Committee Meetings

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE—LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee approved for reporting to the Senate S. 2038, to conduct research on foot-and-mouth disease, with amendment.

The committee approved the long-range farm program report, providing for its release on Sunday, February 8, and will make the report to the Senate on February 9.

The committee will begin hearings next week on margin requirements of transactions in the commodity market.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued its investigation into various reclamation projects on the Friant-Kern Canal of the Central Valley project, with the witnesses at yesterday's session continuing their testimony.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee heard Charles U. Duckworth, California State Department of Agriculture, discuss the foot-and-mouth disease problem in Mexico, as related to similar problems in California. He urged an investigation of means of stopping the spread of this disease in Mexico.

HOUSING AND RENTS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee unanimously agreed to report to the full committee a bill to provide for an extension of rent control. Details on bill were not announced. Subcommittee will report to the full committee tomorrow afternoon in executive session.

PRICE CONTROL AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continuing hearings on price control and stabilization bills (S. 1873,

S. 1888, S. 1923, S. 1967, and S. 2023), committee heard R. H. Louden, McGean Chemical Co.; Russell F. Duncan, manager, Ferro Enamel Corp.; and Charles R. Landback, Taylor, Smith & Taylor Co., testify in opposition to S. 2023 as it affects the allocation and control of tin and tin products. T. J. Wood, vice president, Procter & Gamble Co., gave reason for rise in prices of their products; F. W. Paget, Standard Brands, Inc., stated that he could find no evidence that there were high profits in the processing and distribution functions of their commodities.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings today on the proposed European recovery program, after receiving testimony in its support from the following witnesses: Walter P. Reuther, UAW-CIO; former Representative Hamilton Fish; and Benjamin A. Javits, New York. Committee meets in executive session on February 9 to begin preparation of a bill for reporting.

NATURAL GAS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee continued its hearings on H. R. 4051, amending Natural Gas Act relative to jurisdiction of Federal Power Commission fixing rates for sale of natural gas in interstate commerce, with the following witnesses testifying: Edward Falck, Independent Natural Gas Association of America; Nelson Lee Smith, Chairman, and Harrington Wimberly, Commissioner, FPC. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ANTIDISCRIMINATION

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: By a vote of 7 to 5 the committee, in executive session, agreed

to report, without amendment, S. 984, to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, religion, or color.

Committee also received 70 public-health nominations.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: I. S. Falk, Director, Bureau of Research and Statistics of Social Security Administration, continued his testimony on S. 1320, to provide a national health insurance and public health program, before the Subcommittee on Health.

REA PERSONNEL

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee, in connection with S. Res. 41, met to explore charges of political activity in REA and to consider classification and salary of REA engineers, receiving testimony from REA Administrator Claude R. Wickard; William J. Neal, Deputy Administrator; Civil Service Commissioner Arthur S. Flemming; and Ismar Baruch, Chief of Personnel Classification Division, together with testimony from eight engineers, two counsels, and eight members of Board of Directors, all of REA cooperatives.

GAO BUILDING

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Public Buildings heard testimony in support of H. R. 4068, authorizing the construction of a new GAO building in the District of Columbia, by William E. Reynolds, Commissioner of Public Buildings, and Frank L. Yates, Assistant Comptroller, GAO.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Ten public bills, H. R. 5292-5301; three private bills, H. R. 5302-5304; and four resolutions, H. Res. 458-461, were introduced.

Pages 1148-1149, 1159

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 2803, relief of Miriam Barkle (H. Rept. 1342); H. Res. 458, rule providing time for general debate and consideration of amendments to H. J. Res. 296, maintaining status quo in respect to certain employment taxes and social-security benefits pending congressional action (H. Rept. 1343); H. Res. 459, rule providing time for general debate and consideration of amendments to H. J. Res. 275, authorizing loans to fur farmers (H. Rept. 1344);

S. 1252, making certain changes in the organization of the Navy Department (H. Rept. 1345);

S. 1673, authorizing promotion of James Y. Parker, as major, AUS, as of March 1, 1942 (H. Rept. 1346);

H. R. 1275, authorizing reimbursement of naval personnel for cost of necessary medical or hospital services while on authorized leave (H. Rept. 1347);

H. R. 3344, transferring small area in Alaska from the Anchorage land district to the Fairbanks land district (H. Rept. 1348); H. R. 4272, to furnish headstones or markers for graves for honorably discharged members of the armed forces, including Union and Confederate Armies (H. Rept. 1349);

H. R. 4549, authorizing the Territorial Legislature of Alaska to prepare code of laws for Alaska (H. Rept. 1350); and

H. R. 5035, authorizing attendance of U. S. Marine Band at Eighty-second Encampment of GAR, Grand Rapids, Mich. (H. Rept. 1351). Pages 1158-1159

Spanish-American War: Adopted H. Con. Res. 139, providing for joint session of Congress on Monday, April 19, 1948, in commemoration of fiftieth anniversary of the liberation of Cuba. Also adopted H. Con. Res. 140, extending the life of the Joint Committee on the Observance and Celebration of the Victory Over Spain until May 19, 1948.

Armed Services Investigation: Adopted H. Res. 447, authorizing the Committee on Armed Services to continue its investigation on matters coming within the jurisdiction of the committee, and report the results of its studies back to the House with recommendations.

Pages 1156-1157

"Constellation": House agreed to conference on S. 1796, providing for preservation of the frigate *Constellation*, and appointed Representatives Andrews and Cole, both of New York, and Vinson, as conferees.

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Army-Navy Procurement: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 1366, to facilitate procurement of supplies and services by the War and Navy Departments, clearing bill for Executive action.

Pages 1153-1156

Bill Re-referred: H. R. 2948, to regulate and control operations of foreign agencies within United States or Territories, was re-referred from the Committee on the Judiciary to Committee on Un-American Activities.

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Committee Meetings

OIL—DISABILITY RETIREMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil continued their investigation and heard Willard Thorp, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs; and Ernest Thompson, chairman, Texas Railroad Commission. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Legal Subcommittee met on disability retirement investigation and received testimony from Maj. Gen. Raymond W. Bliss, Surgeon General, Army; Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, Office of Personnel and Administration, Army; and Rear Adm. Clifford A. Swanson, Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RENT CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met on rent control and heard Burton Edwards, representing the National Apartment Owners Association; Douglas Dorn, Apartment House Association of San Francisco, Calif.; Jack Dobbins, chairman, legislative committee, San Francisco Hotel Association; Caesar Nobiletti, vice president, City Investing Co., New York, all of whom appeared in opposition to the proposed legislation. Bruce Waybur, Washington representative of the United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America, CIO; and Boris Shishkin, secretary, housing committee, AFL, both of whom appeared in favor of continuation of rent control. Hearings continue tomorrow.

REORGANIZATION PLAN NO. 1

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Met on President's Reorganization Plan No. 1, transferring USES and Unemployment Compensation functions from the Federal Security Agency to the Department of Labor, and heard Hon. Lewis B. Schwellenbach, Secretary of Labor; Ray Smith, Michigan Manufacturers Unemployment Compensation Bureau, Inc., Detroit, Mich.; Lowell Whittet, in behalf of National Retail Dry Goods Association, Milwaukee, Wis.; Frank C. Manak, American Steel & Wire Co., Cleveland, and Ohio Chamber of Commerce; Porter Dale, Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., Youngstown, and Ohio Chamber of Commerce; Grey Dresie, president, Wichita Independent Businessmen's Association, and secretary, National Businessmen's Association, Wichita, Kans.; L. R. Wolfe, director of social-security department of the Illinois Manufacturers Association; Ed C. Burris, Texas Manufacturers Association, Houston, Tex.; Harold Boyce, Clark Equipment Co., Buchanan, Mich.; A. L. Kirkpatrick, Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C.; Elton Kyle, president, National Association of Businessmen, and chairman, Ohio Tax Equality League, Kyleville, Ohio; F. M. Porter, president, Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, Tulsa, Okla.; Edward F. Connelly, chairman, social-security committee, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Boston, Mass.; W. O. Hake, commissioner, department of employment security, Nashville, Tenn.; and Seward Jacobi, New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, Newark, N. J. Hearings continue tomorrow.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Continued public hearings on the general question of United States foreign policy for a postwar recovery program and heard Chat Patterson, AVC; Allan Cline, president, Farm Bureau Federation; and Joseph Scott, president, American League for an Undivided Ireland, accompanied by 11 of his associates.

FUEL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met on petroleum investigation and heard Col. G. H. Vogel, Army-Navy Petroleum Board, U. S. Army; and Capt. Ralph Wilson, Army-Navy Petroleum Board, U. S. Navy.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the House H. J. Res. 304, authorizing issuance of a special series of stamps commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Joel Chandler Harris, author of the Uncle Remus stories. Committee meets tomorrow.

POSTWAR HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads met on H. R. 4867 and H. R. 4868, postwar highway reconstruction program, and heard Thomas W. Holman, president, Western Association of State Highways, and chairman, Highway Committee, State of Washington; William A. Stinchcomb, Cleveland, Ohio, representing the American Automobile Association; and Representative Ellsworth.

RULES-TAXES-CUBA-FUR FARMERS

Committee on Rules: Heard members of the Committee on Ways and Means in regard to a resolution providing consideration for H. J. Res. 296, which would maintain the status quo in respect of certain employment taxes and social-security benefits pending action by Congress on extended social-security coverage. Representatives Reed (New York) and Gearhart favored the resolution, Representative Eberharter opposed it. The resolution, providing 2 hours of general debate, waiving points of order, and barring amendments except those offered by direction of the Committee on Ways and Means, was ordered reported.

Heard Representative Van Zandt, who favored H. Con. Res. 139, providing for a joint session of the two Houses on Monday, April 19, 1948, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the liberation of Cuba; and H. Con. Res. 140, which would extend until May 19, 1948, the life of the Joint Committee on the Observance and Celebration of the Victory Over Spain. Both of these concurrent resolutions were ordered reported favorably.

In executive session, the committee ordered reported a resolution providing 1 hour of general debate on H. J. Res. 275, which would authorize the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Washington, D. C., to make loans to fur farmers, and for other purposes.

COMMUNISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: Legislative Subcommittee met on various bills to curb or outlaw the Communist Party, and heard Representative Mundt, author of H. R. 4422; Attorney General Tom C. Clark; Representative McDonough, author of H. R. 4581; Robert R. Milam, chairman, committee on bill of rights, American Bar Association; and Walter M. Bastian, treasurer, American Bar Association. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PHILIPPINE VA OFFICES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met on H. R. 4943, to establish and continue Veterans' Administration offices in the Philippines until June 30, 1950, and heard Col. Charles T. Tench, General Staff, U. S. Army; Col. Morris H. Marcus, Adjutant General's Office, War Department; and Guy H. Birdsall, assistant administrator for legislation, Veterans' Administration.

In executive session, the committee voted to favorably report the bill to the House.

Joint Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET

Joint Committee on Legislative Budget: In executive session the Joint Legislative Budget Subcommittee approved the draft of a report which it will submit to the full committee tomorrow embodying the tentative figures approved yesterday, namely, that the President's 1949 estimated expenditures of \$39.7 billion be reduced by \$2.5 billion, leaving the estimated expenditures for the fiscal year 1949 at \$37.2 billion; that the \$47.3 billion estimated revenue figure be approved (the figure recommended to the House Ways and Means Committee by the staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue); and that a minimum of \$2.6 billion be applied to the public debt. The full committee, consisting of 102 Representatives and Senators, meets tomorrow.

GRAIN ALLOCATION

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: Subcommittee on Grain Allocation began consideration of the President's recommendation to continue temporarily the allocation of grain for distillery purposes, with Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan, and A. P. Fenderson, assistant to the President of Publicker Industries, Inc., testifying in support of the President's recommendation, and the following witnesses testifying in opposition to it: R. E. Joyce, National Distillers; Dr. Shipman, Brown-Forman & Co.; Walter C. Berger, president, American Feed Manufacturers Association; Ralph Heymsfeld, general counsel, Schenley Distillers Corp.; Howard Walton, president, Hiram Walker Co.; and Representative Wilson of Indiana.

D. C. HOME RULE

Joint Meeting of Subcommittees: Subcommittees on Home Rule and Reorganization of the Senate and House Committees on the District of Columbia continued hearings on S. 1968 and H. R. 4902, providing for home rule and reorganization in the District of Columbia, and received testimony from Dr. Louis Brownlow; John Connaughton, president, Federation of Citizens' Associations; Wilbur Finch, chairman, suffrage committee, Federation of Citizens' Associations; Kenneth Armstrong, representing Central Suffrage Conference; Austin Fickling, chairman, suffrage committee, Federation of Civic Associations; and Mrs. Milton Dunn, chairman, suffrage committee, D. C. League of Women Voters, in favor of the proposed legislation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Monday, February 9, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed 25 unobjected-to bills on Call of Calendar and debated St. Lawrence Seaway.

House passed synthetic liquid-fuel production bill.

Joint Economic Committee voted to reinstate grain allocation.

House group disapproved President's Reorganization Plan No. 1.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 1159-1170

Bills Introduced: Seventeen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2137 to S. 2153; S. J. Res. 181, S. J. Res. 182; and S. Res. 197.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Report of Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry on long-range policy and program for American agriculture (S. Rept. 885).

S. 2038, to conduct research on foot-and-mouth

disease (S. Rept. 886).

Report of Joint Committee on Legislative Budget (S. Rept. 887).

Bills Re-Referred: S. 1807, in effect to extend Second Decontrol Act (export control and certain allocating powers), was discharged from Judiciary and referred to the Banking and Currency Committee; H. R. 3370, directing Secretary of Agriculture to support price of milk, was discharged from Banking and Currency and referred to the Agriculture and Forestry Committee.

Presidential Messages: Senate received the following messages from the President:

Urging continuation of powers under Second Decontrol Act of 1947 (export controls and certain allocating powers), which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency;

Recommending continuation of Federal Aid Highway Program for fiscal years 1950 and 1951 at annual rate of \$500 million, which was referred to the Committee on Public Works; and

Report of Air Coordinating Committee for Calendar Year 1947, which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Pages 1170, 1227-1228

Long-Range Farming: Senate passed S. Res. 197, providing for the printing of 7,000 additional copies of the report by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry on long-range policy and program for American agriculture.

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Cuba—Spain: Senate passed the following resolutions: H. Con. Res. 139, providing for joint session of Congress on Monday, April 19, 1948, in commemoration of fiftieth anniversary of the liberation of Cuba; and H. Con. Res. 140, extending the life of the Joint Committee on the Observance and Celebration of the Victory Over Spain until May 19, 1948. The Senate reconsidered passage of S. Con. Res. 39 and S. Con. Res. 40, and then indefinitely postponed them in view of the fact their subject matter was the same as that of H. Con. Res. 139 and H. Con. Res. 140.

Bills Passed: On Call of the Calendar, 25 unobjectedto bills were passed as follows, of which 16 were private claims bills:

Oath of Office: H. R. 3778, establishing record evidence of oath of office by a Member of the House of Representatives.

Criminal Code: S. 1706, relative to employment of Richard K. Phelps.

Alaska Town Sites: H. R. 3503, to permit issuance of unrestricted deeds, town sites, Alaska, with amendment.

Cemeteries: S. 1782, to select superintendents of national cemeteries from meritorious servicemen disabled in line of duty, with amendment. Provo Project: S. 1990, to continue construction of the Deer Creek and Aqueduct Divisions of the Provo River Project, Utah.

Caribou Forest: S. 1037, revision of the boundaries of the Caribou National Forest in Idaho, with amend-

ment.

Maryland University: S. 1583, regarding conveyance of parcel of land for use of University of Maryland.

Civilians: S. 1801, to authorize attendance of civilians at schools conducted by Army, Navy, and Air Force, and Joint-Service Schools, with amendment.

Army Disbursements: S. 1795, to repeal certain regulations governing inquiries to be made in connection with disbursements by disbursing officers of the Army.

Private Claims Bills: H. R. 3168, S. 111, H. R. 1408, H. R. 648, H. R. 2350, H. R. 650, H. R. 928, H. R. 422, S. 511, H. R. 1650, H. R. 1078, S. 1395, S. 936, H. R.

1788, S. 981, and H. R. 4115.

Bills Cleared for President: Of the bills passed above, the following were cleared for the White House: H. R. 3168, H. R. 1408, H. R. 648, H. R. 2350, H. R. 650, H. R. 928, H. R. 422, H. R. 1650, H. R. 1078, H. R. 3778, H. R. 1788, and H. R. 4115.

Private Bills: S. 129 and H. R. 3088 were indefinitely postponed.

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St. Lawrence Seaway: Senate continued debate of S. J. Res. 111, St. Lawrence Seaway. Pages 1176-1193

Battleship "Maine": In pursuance of S. Con. Res. 41, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the sinking of the U. S. Battleship *Maine*, Senators Young and Chavez were appointed as delegates to attend the ceremonies to be held in Havana.

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Confirmations: Senate confirmed 69 nominations in the U. S. Public Health Service.

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Nominations: Senate received 1,303 nominations for Regular Army promotions, and 79 for promotion in the Air Force.

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Committee Meetings

D. C. NOMINATION

Committee on the District of Columbia: On Friday, February 6, the following private citizens of the District of Columbia testified in support of the nomination of Frank H. Myers, to be judge of the D. C. Municipal Court: Francis W. Hill, Jr.; Hugh H. O'Bear; John J. Carmody; George E. McNeil; Olive G. Faircloth; Godfrey Munter; and Col. Julius Peyser.

On Monday, February 9, the committee reported favorably the above nomination.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in executive session to consider the European recovery pro-

gram with a view to drafting a bill for recommending to the Senate. Meets again tomorrow.

The committee ordered reported approximately 20

routine Foreign Service nominations.

· INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Indians met in executive session on Friday, February 6. A report of action taken will be made to the full committee at a later date.

NATURAL GAS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee continued its hearings Friday, February 6, and today on H. R. 4051, amending Natural Gas Act relative to jurisdiction of Federal Power Commission fixing rates for sale of natural gas in interstate commerce.

VETERANS' HOSPITALS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: On Friday, February 6, the subcommittee continued hearings on S. 1035, S. 1414, H. R. 3814, and H. Con. Res. 54, bills for veterans' hospitals, and received further opposition testimony to the measures from Guy H. Birdsall, Assistant Administrator for Legislation; Col. Francis H. Dryden, Construction, Supply, and Real Estate Division, and Dr. A. J. Press, Department of Medicine and Surgery, all of the Veterans' Administration.

Representative Talle testified further in support of his resolution (H. Con. Res. 54).

PAY INCREASES FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Continuing hearings on S. 1848, S. 1849, S. 1930, S. 1931, and S. 1949, providing pay increases for Government employees and postal-service men, subcommittee received testimony generally in support of the bills from the following witnesses: Charles I. Stengle, American Federation of Government Employees; Foster J. Pratt, president, International Federation of Technical Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen's Unions; Melvin Dollar, executive director, Group Health; Thomas G. Walters, operations director, Government Employees Council, AFL; Mr. Kellinson, United Public Workers of America, and many individual witnesses who spoke of their own personal problems. Dr. Frank W. Hubbard, director of research, National Education Association, discussed the costs of living. Hearings continue tomorrow.

STATE PUBLIC WORKS

Committee on Public Works: In executive session, on February 6, the committee heard Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, Administrator; Alan Johnstone, General Counsel; and George H. Field, Bureau of Community Facilities, all of the FWA, testify in support of S. 1423, enabling States and their agencies and political subdivisions to plan for the construction of public works.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-five public bills, H. R. 5305-5329; fourteen private-bills, H. R. 5330-5343; and eleven resolutions, H. Res. 462-466, and H. J. Res. 319-324, were introduced. Pages 1257-1258

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Eight private claims bills, S. 257, 305, 316, 409, 457, 521, and H. R. 3787 and 4050 (H. Repts. 1352-1359);

H. R. 4304, extending time limitation of patents held by veterans of World War II (H. Rept. 1360);

H. Con. Res. 147, establishing ceiling for expenditures for fiscal 1949 and for appropriations to be expended in said fiscal year (H. Rept. 1361);

S. 1195, limiting foreign tour of duty of officers and enlisted men in the Army and Air Force to 2 years

(H. Rept. 1362);

S. 1528, authorizing Secretaries of War and Navy to accept gifts and bequests for use in schools, hospitals, and other such institutions under their jurisdiction (H. Rept. 1363);

H. J. Res. 304, authorizing special stamp series commemorating one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Joel Chandler Harris, author of Uncle Remus stories

(H. Rept. 1364);

Report of Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments entitled "Investigation of Agricultural Adjustment Agency and Production and Marketing Administration Publicity and Propaganda in Nebraska" (H. Rept. 1365);

H. R. 4931, amending title 17 of the U. S. Code en-

titled "Copyrights" (H. Rept. 1366);

H. R. 4943, extending authority of Veterans' Administrator to continue operation of offices in the Republic

of the Philippines (H. Rept. 1367); and

H. Con. Res. 131, resolution expressing disapproval of Reorganization Plan No. 1, relative to transfer of U. S. Employment Service in the Department of Labor (H. Rept. 1368).

Bills Referred: S. 134 and S. J. Res. 173, which were passed by the Senate Thursday, February 5, were referred to appropriate committées. Page 1256

Bill Re-referred: H. R. 5221, exempting veterans national service life insurance payments from estate tax, was re-referred from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs to Ways and Means. Pages 1218-1219

Battleship "Maine": Agreed to S. Con. Res. 41, commemorative resolution for observance of fiftieth anniversary of sinking of U. S. battleship Maine, on February 15, 1948, in Habana, Cuba. Pages 1226-1227

Presidential Messages: Three messages from the President were read which were referred and ordered printed as follows:

Report of Air Coordinating Committee for 1947. Referred to Committee on Interstate and Foreign Com-

merce. (H. Doc. No. 524);

Extension of second Decontrol Act of 1947. Referred to Committee on the Judiciary (H. Doc. No. 526); and

Requesting enactment of legislation authorizing \$500,000,000 for 2-year Federal-aid highway and road program. Referred to Committee on Public Works (H. Doc. No. 525).

Synthetic Fuels: Passed, by voice vote, H. R. 2161, authorization of an additional \$30,000,000 for construction, and operation of demonstration plants to produce synthetic liquid fuels from coal, oil shales, agricultural and forestry products, and other substances. This bill also extends the life of the Synthetic Liquid Fuels Act of 1944 until 1952.

An amendment, offered by Representative Gavin, permitting use of \$1,000,000 of this program for production, research, and secondary recovery from stripper oil field and in refining processes, was adopted by the

House.

H. Res. 453, rule providing time for debate and amendment consideration was previously adopted.

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Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Vursell, on the Marshall plan; Mrs. Rogers of Massachusetts, on proposed embargo of fuel-oil exports; and Mr. Bradley, on need of immediate merchant-marine legislation.

Pages 1250-1256

Committee Meetings

RUBBER

Committee on Armed Services: In an executive session on Friday, the Organization and Mobilization Subcommittee approved various amendments to H. R. 5007, a bill extending Government maintenance of syntheticrubber plants, and agreed to draw up a clean bill. No meetings of the committee are scheduled until Wednesday, February 11.

RENT CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued hearing testimony on the rent-control question. On Friday, February 6, Gertrude Murphy, of Detroit, Mich.; John Canelli, secretary, National Bowling Council; R. I. Vanderslice, executive director, Chicago Residential Housing Association; Donald Haas, president, Washington State Civic Housing Association; Harry T. Williams, Apartment Operators Association, Seattle, Wash.; L. A. Weisser, Harry Hansen, and Dr. T. V. Neal, all of the Property Owners Association of America, were heard on the subject.

At Monday's meeting, on the same topic, the committee heard Representatives Keating and Javits, both of whom testified in favor of rent control.

S. Oliver O'Bryan, representing the Miami Apartment House Association and the Florida Apartment House Association, testified in opposition to continued rent control. A representative of the National Association of Real Estate Boards also appeared in opposition. A representative of the American Hotel Association was also heard.

WOMEN'S EQUAL PAY BILL

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee No. 4 met on H. R. 4408, providing equal pay for equal work for women, and heard Representative Douglas; Olive H. Huston, executive secretary, National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs; David Ziskind, former Solicitor of Labor; and Elizabeth Christman, secretary-treasurer, National Women's Trade Union League. Hearings continue tomorrow.

REORGANIZATION PLAN NO. 1—GAO AUDIT OF FRAUD CASES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: February 6 and 7, met on the President's Reorganization Plan No. 1, transferring USES and unemployment compensation functions from the Federal Security Agency to the Department of Labor, and heard 23 witnesses.

February 9, the committee met in executive session and adopted H. Con. Res. 131, expressing disapproval of the President's Reorganization Plan No. 1.

February 9, Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings met on GAO audit of fraud cases and heard testimony on Defense Plants Corporation lease and operating agreement with Andrews Steel Defense Corp. Witnesses were Theodore Herz, GAO; J. L. Kelehan, associate director, DPC; and Ted Westfall, GAO.

PETROLEUM

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: At Friday's public hearing, Lewis Douglas, U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain, discussed the possibility of a revision of the Marshall plan if increased output in the Arabian oil fields does not materialize.

At Monday's hearings, the following Members of Congress were heard on bills introduced by them which are presently pending before the committee: Representative Cunningham on H. R. 5217, exportation of petroleum products;

Representative Edwin Arthur Hall on H. R. 5107, shortage of fuel oil;

Representative Keefe on H. R. 5087, diseases of the heart;

Representative Smathers on H. R. 5159, diseases of the heart:

Representative Rogers of Massachusetts on H. J. Res. 310, exportation of petroleum and petroleum products; and

Representative Heselton on H. J. Res. 311, H. J. Res. 312, and H. J. Res. 317, all relating to the exportation of petroleum and petroleum products. Committee meets tomorrow.

FOREIGN RELIEF POSTAGE RATES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: On Friday, February 6, the committee heard Peter Conally, Post Office Department; Col. Robert Lancefield, War Department; and Edward Kunze, of the State Department, express their views on H. R. 4598 and 5108 along with other measures on the subject of reducing postage rates on foreign relief packages.

VIRGIN ISLANDS CORP.—MINING—FUEL

Committee on Public Lands: February 6, Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions met on H. R. 3108, creating the Government-owned Virgin Islands Corporation, and heard Norman Olson, president, Virgin Islands Company, testify in support of the proposed legislation.

W. L. Ellis, assistant to the Comptroller General; Robert Brumagin, assistant director of the Corporation Audit Division, GAO; and John Fenton, accountant in charge of audits of the Virgin Islands Company; all testified jointly concerning the audit made of the Company's records and the recommendations of the Comptroller General with reference to proposed amendments to the bill.

February 6, Subcommittee on Mines and Mining met on various bills and heard Representative Ellsworth discuss his bill, H. R. 5049, to open certain lands in Oregon and California to exploration, location, and entry. Representative Fenton discussed his bill, H. R. 4837, to provide an engineering study of mine water problems of Pennsylvania anthracite mining area; Dr. James Boyd, director, Bureau of Mines; P. H. Ashe, Bureau of Mines; Cadwallader Evans, Henry Dierks, George A. Rooss, representing mine owners; and Robert Howe of the United Mine Workers of America; all of whom testified on H. R. 5049. Representative D'Ewart discussed two of his bills, H. R. 3284, relative to publishing in legal

newspaper applications for patents for mining claims, and H. R. 4167, authorizing Montana to lease State lands for mining purposes subject to approval by State legislative assembly.

Later the subcommittee voted to favorably report to the full committee H. R. 5049, H. R. 4837, and H. R.

4167.

February 9, the full committee ordered the same three bills favorably reported to the House, then conducted a public hearing and heard J. A. Krug, Secretary of Interior, accompanied by Dr. James Boyd, Director, Bureau of Mines, and Dr. Wilburn Schroeder, Director of Synthetic Liquid Fuels, discuss the production of synthetic liquid fuels program.

POSTWAR HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads met last Friday to receive further testimony on the postwar highway construction program bills, H. R. 4867 and 4868. Assistant Chief C. M. Granger, U. S. Forest Service; B. T. Tallamy, chief engineer, New York Department of Public Works; and Charles Upham, American Road Builders' Association, were heard by the subcommittee.

COMMUNISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: February 6, Legislative Subcommittee continued hearings of various bills designed to curb or outlaw the Communist Party and heard Donald Richberg and Louis Waldman, attorneys, along with Ferenc Nagy, former Premier of

Hungary.

February 9, the subcommittee heard Admiral W. H. Standley, former Ambassador to Russia; the legal representative of the American Legion; and a panel of members of the District of Columbia Bar Association composed of George E. McNeil, president, Godfrey L. Munter, past president, Edmund D. Campbell, member, board of directors, Kenneth N. Parkinson, secretary, and Dr. Charles S. Collier, professor of constitutional law, George Washington University Law School. Hearings continue tomorrow.

VETERANS' PRIVATE SCHOOL CONTRACTS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Education, Training, and Rehabilitation met on contractual relations between Veterans' Administration and private schools, and heard Representative Weichel; Paul W. Walter, attorney, Cleveland, Ohio; Sam Posner, attorney, Washington, D. C.; Dr. J. S. Noffsinger, National Council of Business Schools; Fred W. Agney, National Association of Barber Schools; Alvan Bachman, Bowling Green, Ohio; E. H. Rietzke, president, CREI, Washington, D. C.; Hiram N. Rasely, Burdett College, Boston, Mass.; Dr. B. P. Lyons, Advisory Council on Vocational

Training, State of Pennsylvania; H. V. Stirling, assistant administrator for rehabilitation, VA; and A. H. Monk, director of training facilities, VA. All committee meetings previously scheduled are canceled. Committee meets next on February 17.

Joint Committee Meetings

GRAIN—DISTILLED SPIRITS

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: The committee, in executive session, agreed to report to the Congress recommendations that the allocation of grain, used for distillery purposes, be reinstated. It further agreed that decisions, with regard to allocation formula and other administrative details, should be left to the legislative committee handling such legislation.

The subcommittee, in a morning session, had voted to make this recommendation to the full committee.

On Friday, February 6, the subcommittee heard testimony on the same subject from Representative Morton; Dr. Arthur E. Burns, Publicker Industries, Inc.; Armand Hammer, president, United Distilleries, Inc.; Dr. Dennis Fitzgerald, Secretary General to the FAO; and Walter Mason, AFL.

ECONOMIC REPORT

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: On Saturday, February 7, Dr. Charles O. Hardy, staff expert of the committee, met in executive session with the committee to submit further material on the President's Economic Report for committee discussion.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET

Joint Committee on Legislative Budget: In executive session the Legislative Budget Committee, consisting of members of the House and Senate Appropriations, the House Ways and Means, and Senate Finance Committees, voted to adopt the following expenditures and receipts statement for the fiscal year 1949: "(1) The estimate of receipts is \$47.3 billion; (2) the estimate of recommended expenditures is \$37.2 billion; (3) (a) the maximum amount recommended to be appropriated against the Budget estimates for fiscal year 1949, \$32.9 billion, is \$30.9 billion; (b) the maximum amount recommended to be appropriated against the supplemental Budget estimates for 1948, \$8.7 billion, is \$7.9 billion; (4) the reserve for deficiencies recommended is \$.225 billion; (5) the public debt should be reduced by a portion of the excess of Federal receipts over expenditures, but in no event less than \$2.6 billion."

A concurrent resolution to the above effect will be presented to both Houses for their action.

AVIATION

Congressional Aviation Policy Board: The Board met in executive session with various authoritative witnesses to discuss various phases of transportation.

D. C. HOME RULE

Joint Meeting of Subcommittees: Subcommittees on Home Rule and Reorganization of the Senate and House Committees on the District of Columbia continued hearings on S. 1968 and H. R. 4902, providing for home rule and reorganization in the District of Columbia, on February 6, 7, and 9, and received testimony from 49 witnesses. Hearings continue tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D71)

H. R. 2361, authorizing filing of actions in State courts to quiet title to lands between U. S. and Delaware Indians. Signed February 5, 1948 (P. L. 406).

H. R. 3322, rights-of-way through restricted Osage Indian land. Signed February 5, 1948 (P. L. 407).

H. R. 3326, to provide for granting certificates of competency to members of Osage Indian Tribe in Oklahoma. Signed February 5, 1948 (P. L. 408).

S. 1005, authorizing participation by the United States in the Interparliamentary Union. Signed February 6, 1948 (P. L. 409).

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate on St. Lawrence Seaway.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 1259-1266

Bills Introduced: Two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2154 and S. 2155;

S. Res. 198 and S. Res. 199. Pages 1259, 1261

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

By Joint Committee on Economic Report relating to allocation and inventory control of grains for the production of ethyl alcohol (S. Rept. 888).

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Re-Referral: S. 249 and H. R. 2298, to amend the Interstate Commerce Act, were taken from the calendar and re-referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Pages 1261-1262

Death of Former Senator: Senate adopted S. Res. 198, expressing condolence on the death of former Senator Joseph F. Frelinghuysen.

Private Bill: Senate reconsidered passage, amended, and repassed S. 1395, private bill.

Disposition of Executive Papers: List of documents of various executive agencies was referred to Joint Select Committee on Disposition of Papers in the Executive Departments.

Senators Langer and Chavez were appointed to this committee on part of Senate.

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St. Lawrence Seaway: Senate continued debate on S. J. Res. 111, St. Lawrence Seaway. Pages 1266-1275

Confirmations: The following nominations were confirmed:

Frank Hammett Myers, to be associate judge for the D. C. Municipal Court, together with 72 Diplomatic and Foreign Service nominations.

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Nominations: Senate received the following nomina-

Henry F. Grady, of California, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Nepal, and H. Graham Morison, of Virginia, to be Assistant Attorney General.

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Committee Meetings

COMMODITY EXCHANGE MARGINS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Secretary of Agriculture Anderson testified in support of S. 1881, to provide for regulation of margin requirements on the commodity exchanges. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued its investigation into the various reclamation projects on the Friant-Kern Canal of the Central Valley project, receiving further testimony from Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Straus, and Assistant

Commissioner Kenneth Markwell. Also testifying were Robert S. Calland, R. K. Durant, and J. F. Kastl, regional officials of the Bureau of Reclamation, with offices in California, and John M. Martin, attorney for several contractors of the Central Valley project.

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The subcommittee also met on Tuesday, February 10, and received testimony from the witnesses mentioned above and from R. L. Cockran, and Floyd P. Peterson, Public Works Section, Bureau of the Budget.

Subcommittee meets again Saturday.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee, in executive session, continued its preparation of a bill on the European recovery program for reporting, but made no announcement of action taken.

In a session yesterday, committee approved portions of the bill providing for the divorce of the ERP from the State Department, setting up an independent Administrator of Cabinet rank at a salary of \$20,000 a year. Next to the Administrator, it would propose the creation of an Advisory Board of not to exceed 12 members, with the Administrator to be Chairman of the Board. Members of the Board, to be appointed by the President, are to be civilians selected on basis of broad and varied experience on matters affecting the public interest. The Administrator and Secretary of State are to keep each other informed of matters within their respective scopes, pertinent to the activities of the other. The Administrator is to be put on the National Advisory Council on financial and monetary problems. Differences arising between the Administrator and Secretary of State within their respective orbits shall be referred to the President for final decision.

A roving ambassador will be appointed by the President to represent the United States on any European organization of participating countries, and in general will encourage joint programs for European recovery. The Administrator will have a "special mission" representing him in each participating country to keep each other fully informed. Disputes between them will be referred to the Secretary of State and the Administrator with appeal to the President. A joint congressional committee will be established comprised of seven Senators and seven Representatives, to be appointed by the

President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. The committee will have complete access to all information, but without legislative authority. Committee continues tomorrow.

NATURAL GAS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 4051, amending Natural Gas Act relative to jurisdiction of Federal Power Commission fixing rates for sale of natural gas in interstate commerce, with FPC Commissioner Nelson Lee Smith testifying with respect to amendments to the bill offered by him and Commissioner Harrington Wimberly.

On Tuesday, February 10, the subcommittee heard J. J. Hendrick, vice president, Natural Gas Pipe Line Co. of America, and Benjamin C. Marsh, People's Lobby, testify against the bill. J. French Robinson, president, East Ohio Gas Co., appeared in support of the bill, and Rex G. Baker, director and general counsel for the Humble Oil & Refining Co., Houston, Tex., favored the bill with amendments. Mr. Baker also testified further today.

VETERANS' HOSPITALS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Dr. Murray C. Brown, Meharry Medical College; Col. Frederick W. Francke, Department of Medicine and Surgery, VA; G. Lake Imes, representative of the Presbyterian Church; and Perry W. Howard, attorney, Washington, with other officials of the VA, submitted further testimony, on Tuesday, February 10, to the subcommittee, on S. 1035, S. 1414, H. R. 3814, and H. Con. Res. 54, bills for veterans' hospitals. Mr. Imes and Mr. Howard favored S. 1414 and H. R. 3814. This concludes the hearings.

PAY INCREASES FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Continuing hearings on Tuesday, February 10, on S. 1848, S. 1849, S. 1930, S. 1931, and S. 1949, providing pay increases for Government employees and postal-service men, subcommittee received testimony from Mrs. Ethel Hoover, Chief of Consumer Price Section, BLS, on costs of living, and report on cases of individual employees.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

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The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

FARM-MACHINERY SITUATION

Committee on Agriculture: February 10, met to discuss the farm-machinery situation and heard W. Averell

Harriman, Secretary of Commerce, who presented data and information concerning the supply and demand for farm machinery and equipment at home and abroad.

February 11, continued above hearing and heard Frederic B. Northrup, director, Price Support and Foreign Supply Branch, PMA, Department of Agriculture; J. M. Tucker, vice president and assistant general manager, Massey-Harris, Racine, Wis.; and W. A. Roberts, executive vice president of Allis-Chalmers, of Milwaukee, Wis.

RENT CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: February 10, Committee concluded all public hearings on rent-control legislation and heard William E. Russell, general chairman, Metropolitan Fair Rent Committee, New York, who testified in favor of continued rent control and urged a mandatory 15-percent increase; John W. Edelman, representing the CIO; William Thompson, Rent Control Advisory Board of Whitefield County, Ga.; Robert Benson, president, Madison, Wis., Apartment Owners & Managers Association; and L. A. Weisser, representing Property Owners Association of America.

D. C. FIRE CHIEF

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Public Service—Streets and Traffic met in executive session to review the recent D. C. Fire Chief Murphy case. Committee meets tomorrow.

WOMEN'S EQUAL PAY BILL-GSI STRIKE

Committee on Education and Labor: February 10, met on H. R. 4408, providing equal pay for equal work for women, and heard Hon. Lewis B. Schwellenbach, Secretary of Labor; Frieda Miller, Director, Women's Bureau, Department of Labor; Mrs. Leslie B. Wright of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; Anna Lord Straus of the National League of Women Voters; Mrs. Louise Ottenberg of the National Council of Jewish Women; and Louise Stitt of the National Consumers League.

February 11, continued public hearings and heard William Oliver, codirector, Fair Employment Division, UAW-CIO; Ruth Roemer, representing United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America, CIO; and J. A. Beirne, president, Communications Workers of America.

February 10, Hoffman subcommittee met and endeavored to obtain the facts as to whether the Administration is trying to force GSI to bargain with a union whose officials will not sign the anti-Communist affidavits proposed in the Taft-Hartley Act, and heard Gen. Philip G. Fleming, Administrator, FWA; Gen. U. S. Grant III, accompanied by Robert A. Ayers, general manager, and J. C. Niehuss, personnel manager, GSI; Frank Wilder, Washington Post; Albert C. Boehm, Pentagon restaurant; Capt. Paul B. Morgan, Quarter-

master Corps, U. S. post restaurants; and William H. Brown.

February 11, subcommittee continued hearings and heard James Russell Wiggins, managing editor, the Washington Post.

GAO AUDIT OF FRAUD CASES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings met in executive session on GAO audit of fraud cases.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: February 10, met on United States foreign policy for postwar recovery program and heard Lewis H. Brown, chairman of the board, Johns-Manville Corp.; Mrs. Kathryn H. Stone, first vice president, League of Women Voters of the United States; Mabel Newcomer, professor of economics, Vassar College, and member, National Board of the American Association of University Women; and Margaret F. Stone, chairman of legislation, National Women's Trade Union League of America.

February 11, continued above hearing and heard George Weller, Chicago Daily News; Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck, General Federation of Women's Clubs; William Batt, SKF Industries; and Frazer A. Bailey, National Federation of American Shipping. Hearing continues tomorrow.

FUEL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: February 10, resumed public hearings on the fuel investigation, with special reference to the gas shortage in the Detroit area, and heard Representatives Sadowski and Dingell; Raymond J. Kelly, corporation counsel, Detroit, Mich.; Stuart B. White, chairman, Michigan Public Service Commission, Lansing, Mich.; Capt. Henry Fink, president, Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., subsidiary of American Light & Traction Co., Chicago, Ill.; and Willis H. Hall, industrial department, Detroit Board of Commerce.

February 11, committee continued its hearings and heard Donald Montgomery, Washington representative UAW-CIO; Henry A. Montgomery, counsel, Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., Lansing, Mich.; Leslie T. Fournier, vice president, Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co., New York City; and Francis X. Martel, AFL, Detroit, Mich. Hearing continues tomorrow.

INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: February 10, Subcommittee on Indian Affairs met on various Indian bills and heard William Zimmerman, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, and Felix Cohen, attorney, All Pueblo Council, testify on H. R. 4725, conferring jurisdiction on several States over offenses committed by Indians on reservations. Mr.

Cohen objected to certain provisions of the bill. The subcommittee ordered the above bill and H. R. 5118, sale to the State of Montana of lands on the Flathead Indian Reservation, reported to the full committee along with the following six private land patent bills; S. 400, S. 401, S. 773, S. 1407, S. 1517, and S. 1733.

February 11, Subcommittee on Indian Affairs met on various bills authorizing a per capita payment to Indians of California and heard Walter V. Woehlke, director of California division, Office of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Frederick G. Collett, executive representative of Indians of California, accompanied by a delegation of four, representing the Indians of California, urge passage of legislation that will authorize the per capita payment.

RIVER AND HARBOR PROJECTS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Riversand Harbors met to consider Omnibus River and Harbor bill and heard Representatives Bonner and Miller. Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMUNISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: Legislative Subcommittee continued hearings on various bills designed to curb or outlaw the Communist Party and heard Arthur Garfield Hays, attorney, American Civil Liberties Union; Edgar C. Corry, national commander, AMVETS; and Selma M. Borchardt, attorney, representing the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia.

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February 11, subcommittee continued above hearings and heard Adolph A. Berle, Jr., attorney and diplomat; Morris Ernst, attorney; and Raymond Moley, editor.

Joint Committee Meetings

AVIATION

Congressional Aviation Policy Board: The Board continued in executive session yesterday and today with officials of various Government departments and bureaus discussing Government organization, manufacturing of planes, transportation, and combat aviation. Board continues tomorrow.

D. C. HOME RULE

Joint Meeting of Subcommittees: February 10, Subcommittees on Home Rule and Reorganization of the Senate and House Committees on the District of Columbia concluded public hearings on S. 1968 and H. R. 4902, providing for home rule and reorganization in the District of Columbia by hearing 18 witnesses. A clean bill will now be drawn up incorporating several amendments that were recommended in the open hearings.

BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Law

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D81)

H. R. 1826, making it a petty offense to enter any national forest land closed to the public. Signed February 10, 1948 (P. L. 410).

Thursday, February 12, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Conference report on Federal employees retirement bill filed in House.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, February 13, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY EXCHANGE MARGINS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Hearings were continued on S. 1881, to provide for regulation of margin

requirements on the commodity exchanges, with the following witnesses testifying against the bill: E. F. Creekmore, representing American Cotton Shippers Association, New Orleans, and Charles Slaughter, board of managers, New York Cotton Exchange. Hearings continue February 16.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: The sections of the European recovery program bill dealing with bilateral

and multilateral agreements were tentatively approved by the committee in executive session. This portion of the bill sets forth the conditions under which bilateral and multilateral agreements are to be made between the U. S. and countries receiving benefits under this program. Before approving this part of the bill as introduced, the committee made various perfecting changes. Committee continues tomorrow.

NATURAL GAS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee concluded hearings on H. R. 4051, amending Natural Gas Act relative to jurisdiction of Federal Power Commission fixing rates for sale of natural gas in interstate commerce, after receiving further testimony from FPC Commissioner Nelson Lee Smith, and Don Coulton, attorney, Amarillo, Tex.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirty-seven public bills, H. R. 5344–5380; nine private bills, H. R. 5381–5389; and six resolutions, H. J. Res. 325–327, and H. Con. Res. 148–150, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Disposal of certain executive papers (H. Rept. 1369); Conference report on H. R. 4127, to liberalize annuities and benefits for Federal employees (H. Rept. 1370);

Report from Joint Committee on the Economic Report relating to allocation and inventory control of grains for the production of ethyl alcohol (H. Rept. 1371);

S. 1698, to enlarge the Uintah and Ouray Indian Res-

ervation in Utah (H. Rept. 1372);

H. R. 5049; to reopen the revested Oregon & California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands to exploration, entry, etc., under general mining laws (H. Rept. 1373);

H. R. 4167, to authorize Montana to lease State lands for production of oil, gas, etc.; such time and conditions to be determined by State Legislative Assembly (H.

Rept. 1374); and

H. R. 4837, providing for engineering study of the mine-water problem of eastern Pennsylvania anthracite mining region (H. Rept. 1375).

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Bills Referred: Ten bills, passed by the Senate, on Monday, February 9, were referred to appropriate House committees.

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Bill Recommitted: H. R. 3685, authorizing sale of burial ground in Kansas City, Kans., was recommitted to the Committee on Public Lands.

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Battleship "Maine": Pursuant to S. Con. Res. 41, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the sinking of the U. S. Battleship *Maine*, Representatives Robertson of North Dakota and Jones of Alabama were appointed as delegates to attend the ceremonies to be held in Habana, Cuba, on February 15.

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Presidential Veto: Received message of disapproval from the President on H. R. 3153, providing for sale of certain submarginal lands on Indian reservations in Montana.

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Alaska Town Sites: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 3503, to permit issuance of unrestricted deeds, town sites, Alaska, clearing bill for Presidential action.

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Oath of Office: Adopted H. Con. Res. 148, making corrections in enrollment of H. R. 3778, a bill recording evidence of oath of office by a Member of the House of Representatives.

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Special Orders: Under special orders the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Pace, on national agricultural production figures; Mr. Eberharter, on taxation of Farmers' Cooperatives; and Mr. Williams, on President's civil-rights program.

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Committee Meetings

FARM-MACHINERY SITUATION

Committee on Agriculture: Met on the farm-machinery situation and heard testimony of S. L. Angle, treasurer and member, board of directors, Minneapolis-Moline Implement Co., Minneapolis, Minn.; Merrill S. Tucker, vice president and general sales manager of Oliver Corp., Chicago, Ill.; and Bruce Lourie, vice president in charge of sales, Deere & Co., Moline, Ill. Hearings continue tomorrow.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met on United States foreign policy for postwar recovery program and heard Katherine Lee Marshall, of the Women's International League; Hon. George Earle, former Governor of Pennsylvania; L. H. Pasqualicchio, representing Sons of Italy in America; Carl B. Fritsche, of Richbold Chemicals,

Inc., and a representative of the Society for Prevention of World War III.

FUEL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continued public hearings on fuel investigation and heard Hon. Leland Olds, Commissioner, Federal Power Commission, and James V. O'Connor, Chief, Division of Gas Certificates, Federal Power Commission.

Committee conducted a public hearing in the afternoon and heard a delegation from Florida petitioning Congress for redress in increased prices of fuel oil, consisting of Walter A. Shelley, city commissioner, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Steve Frank Whitehead, mayor of Jacksonville, Fla.; Harold Whitehead, president, city council, Jacksonville, Fla.; and George H. Goevel, Daytona Beach, Fla.

SHIPPING

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Met on extending the authority of the U. S. Maritime Commission to sell, charter, and operate ships, and heard Admiral W. W. Smith, chairman; Raymond S. Mc-Keough, commissioner; James J. Pimper, chief, Large Vessels Sales Division; and Charles McGuire, Traffic Division, all of the U. S. Maritime Commission. Hearings continue tomorrow.

STRATEGIC METALS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining initiated study of minerals necessary to the national welfare, and heard James Boyd, Director of the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, and Elmer W. Pehrson, Chief of Economics and Statistics Division, Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RIVER AND HARBOR PROJECTS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors met on omnibus rivers and harbors bill and heard Senator Morse, Representatives Norblad and Ellsworth discuss two Oregon projects. Representative Barden also appeared and discussed the North Carolina project. Subcommittee adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Joint Committee Meetings

AVIATION

Congressional Aviation Policy Board: The Board met in executive session with Attorney General Tom Clark and assistants to discuss patents as applied to airplanes. In afternoon session the Board met without witness to consider its pending business. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Friday, February 13, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued consideration of St. Lawrence Seaway.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 1300-1304

Bills Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2156 to S. 2164.

Maryland University: Senate reconsidered passage, amended, and repassed S. 1583, regarding conveyance of parcel of land for use of University of Maryland.

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Oath of Office: Senate passed H. Con. Res. 148, making corrections in enrollment of H. R. 3778, establishing

record evidence of oath of office by a Member of the House of Representatives.

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St. Lawrence Seaway: Senate debated briefly S. J. Res. 111, St. Lawrence Seaway. Pages 1304-1315

Nominations: Senate received the following nominations: Paul R. Rowen, Massachusetts, to be a member of SEC; John Thad Scott, Jr., Texas, to be a member of National Mediation Board; and Leonard A. Scheele, Michigan, to be Surgeon General of U. S. Public Health Service; together with 21 other civilian nominations, 53 Navy nominations, and 113 postmasters.

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Committee Meetings

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: In executive session, the committee voted unanimously to approve the immediate authorization of \$5.3 billion for a 12-month period ending April 1, 1949, an exact relative figure to the \$6.8 billion for a 15-month period as previously proposed. It also approved the authorization of such additional appropriations through June 30, 1952, as Congress may provide.

In the case of chartering and sale of ships, the committee withdrew its sale provision, but would permit chartering on three conditions—dry cargo, not in current operation, and transfers not to exceed 300. Sundry other amendments were adopted.

This concludes the first review and tentative approval of the proposed bill. As it has been amended and approved by the committee, it is to be reprinted with the amendments; the committee will meet again next Tuesday, February 17, to vote on reporting the bill.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 16, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

FARM MACHINERY SITUATION

Committee on Agriculture: Continued public hearings on the farm machinery situation, and heard testimony of John L. McCaffrey, president, International Harvester Co., Chicago, Ill.; Paul Mulliken, executive secretary, National Retail Farm Equipment Association; and a delegation of retail dealers comprised of R. L. Woodward, Jr., Suffolk, Va.; Charles A. Snavely, Baldwin, Md.; P. W. "Jack" Guyer, Waterloo, Iowa; Earl Carswell, Glens Falls, N. Y.; and E. A. Daw, Garden City, Kans. Hearings continue on February 17.

WOMEN'S EQUAL PAY BILL

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee No. 4, Wages and Hours of Labor, met on H. R. 4408, providing equal pay for equal work for women, and heard testimony of James W. Grove, chief industrial engineer, Armstrong Cork Co., Lancaster, Pa.; and George F. Kohn, president, Precision Grinding Wheel Co., Inc., Philadelphia, Pa., representing the National Association of Manufacturers, both of whom favored equal pay for equal work, but questioned the necessity of legislation.

FUEL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continued public hearings on fuel investigation and heard E. M. Callis, president, Petrol Corp., Philadelphia, Pa.; and Fred F. Sweeton, president, Petrol Tanker Industries, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa. Hearings continue on Monday.

SHIPPING

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Met on legislation extending the authority of the Maritime Commission to operate, sell, and charter Governmentowned vessels, and heard Admiral W. W. Smith, Chairman; Raymond S. McKeough, Commissioner; B. L. Hunter, Chief, Sales and Purchase Division; Charles McGuire, Traffic Division, all of the U. S. Maritime Commission; Frazer A. Bailey, president, National Federation of American Shipping; and Seth Levine, CIO Maritime Committee. Hearings continue on Monday.

STRATEGIC METALS .

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining met in executive session and ordered reported to the full committee, S. 1006, increasing from 2,560 to 15,360 acres the amount of sodium lands leasable in any one State to any one lessee.

Later the subcommittee met in open hearing and continued their study of minerals necessary to the national welfare and heard Charles White Merrill, Chief of the Metal Economics Branch; Oliver Ralston, Chief, Metallurgical Division; Joseph A. McGrath, Chief, Foreign Minerals Branch; Lowell E. Moon, Chief, Mining Division; Dr. James Boyd, Director; and Elmer W. Pehrson, Chief, Economics and Statistics Branch; all from the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior.

Joint Committee Meetings

AVIATION

Congressional Aviation Policy Board: Board continued in executive session discussing transportation and combat aviation. No further sessions are scheduled at this time.

Monday, February 16, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed 20 Consent Calendar bills.

Bill on continuation of rent control approved by Senate committee.

Continuation of present housing and rent control approved by House committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY-EXCHANGE MARGINS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Hearings were continued on S. 1881, to provide for regulation of margin requirements on the commodity exchanges, with the following witnesses testifying against the bill: Darwin S. Fenner, New Orleans Cotton Exchange; Walter R. Scott, executive vice president, Kansas City Board of Trade; E. S. Ferguson, Minneapolis Grain Exchange; and Roy E. Crawford, Farmers Union Jobbing Association, Kansas City.

GRAIN TRADING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee met in executive session to hear E. T. Maynard, Chicago commodity trader, discuss his tradings in commodities. After the session, Chairman Ferguson announced that the subcommittee found his dealings to be legitimate and without benefit of inside information, and that there was no need for further hearings.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued its inquiry into the Central Valley project, receiving testimony from Richard L. Boke, director of region 2, Bureau of Reclamation, Sacramento, Calif.

On Saturday, February 14, the subcommittee heard testimony from William E. Warne, Assistant Secretary of Interior, and further testimony from Commissioner Straus, Assistant Commissioner Markwell; Alfred R. Golzé, Director, Programs and Finance; and Clifford Fix, Chief Counsel, all of the Bureau of Reclamation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SURPLUS LANDS—FORTS

Committee on Armed Services: Officials of the Departments of the Army and Navy, the WAA, the Public Buildings Administration, and the FSA, appeared before the subcommittee to discuss problems raised by passage of S. Con. Res. 31, to request the War and Navy

Departments and the WAA to delay until March 15, 1948, in reporting as surplus certain lands and permanent structures, awaiting a report by the administrative agencies before January 15, 1948, to the Committees on Armed Services on the location, general description, and fair market value of these properties (primarily concerning particular historic forts throughout the U. S.). The committee is trying to arrive at a solution to that section of the Surplus Property Act for the disposition of such properties to local units of government or semipublic organizations. Hearings continue tomorrow.

QUARTERMASTER CORPS LABORATORY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee heard the following witnesses testify in support of S. 286, construction of a research laboratory at Boston for the Quartermaster Corps: Senators Saltonstall and Lodge; Maj. Gens. Thomas B. Larkin, W. H. Middleswart, and Anthony McAulife; and Sir Hubert Wilkins, Arctic explorer; and Dr. Paul Siple, Antarctic explorer. Hearings continue Wednesday.

HOUSING AND RENTS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee unanimously agreed to introduce and report a new bill to extend rent control until April 30, 1949. As approved, the bill proposes to strengthen enforcement provisions of existing rent-control law, to continue theory of voluntary leases contained in existing law (15 percent), to encourage decontrol as soon as practicable, to require the Housing Expediter to adjust maximum rent to prevent any person from suffering a loss in operating controlled housing accommodations, and to correct other inequities. The committee expects the reported bill to be filed before the end of the week.

INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee met in executive session on Indian bills pending before the subcommittee. Report of action taken will be made at the next meeting of the full committee.

LABOR EXTENSION COURSES

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Education opened hearings on S. 1390, Depart-

ment of Labor extension courses, and received testimony in support of the bill from the following witnesses: Senator Thomas (Utah); Representatives Tollefson and Madden; Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach; and Hilda W. Smith, chairman, Marion H. Hedges, treasurer, and Frank L. Fernbach, vice chairman, National Committee for Extension of Labor Education. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirty-one public bills, H. R. 5390-5420; eleven private bills, H. R. 5421-5431; and four resolutions, H. Res. 467 and 468, H. J. Res. 328, and H. Con. Res. 151, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 3692, to permit ownership or stock interest in freight forwarders by officers or directors of common carriers subject to Interstate Commerce Act (H. Rept. 1376); and

H. R. 4112, acceptance and use of additional funds for support of national weather service (H. Rept. 1377).

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Bill Referred: S. 1583, land conveyance to University of Maryland, was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

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Presidential Messages: Heard report of the National Capital Housing Authority, which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Also heard the second quarterly report on the program of relief furnished to Greece and Turkey. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and printed as House Document No. 534.

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Synthetic Rubber: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 2029, to provide for free importation of synthetic rubber scrap, thus clearing bill for Executive action.

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Consent Calendar: The following 20 bills were passed on the call of the Consent Calendar:

Sewage disposal: H. R. 2159, authorizing sewage-disposal system, Yorktown area, Colonial National Historical Park, Va.

Military missions: H. R. 2313, with amendment, authorizing detail of U. S. military and naval missions to foreign governments.

Land transfer: H. R. 3344, transferring small area in Alaska from Anchorage land district to the Fairbanks land district.

Snake River: H. R. 3603, granting congressional consent to Idaho-Wyoming compact for division of waters of Snake River.

Park Police: H. R. 3936, authorizing U. S. Park Police to make arrests on Federal reservations.

De Soto memorial: H. R. 4023, authorizing establishment of the De Soto National Memorial in Florida.

Land management: H. R. 4461, providing legislative authority for decentralization of certain functions of Bureau of Land Management.

Oath requirements: H. R. 4513, eliminating requirement of oaths in certain public-land matters within Department of the Interior.

Alaska Code: H. R. 4549, authorizing Territorial Legislature of Alaska to prepare code of laws for Alaska.

Yellowstone schools: H. R. 4823, providing for adequate school facilities within Yellowstone National Park.

Glacier Park lands: H. R. 4980, authorizing acquisition, by United States, of 10,000 acres of State-owned land within Glacier National Park, Mont.

GAR encampment: H. R. 5035, authorizing attendance of Marine Band at Eighty-second Encampment of GAR in Grand Rapids, Mich.

L'Anse Indians: S. 522, authorizing sale of land of L'Anse Band of Chippewa Indians, Michigan.

Fort Berthold Indians: S. 1133, with amendment, providing for per capita payments in settlement of Indian claims, Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, N. Dak.

Public Health Service: S. 1454, in lieu of H. R. 3924, regarding certain matters of personnel and administration of the Public Health Service.

Albuquerque Indians: S. 1485, authorizing disposal of Albuquerque Indian school lands in New Mexico.

Land sale: S. 1507, authorizing sale of undisposed of lots in Mitchel addition to town of Polson, Mont.

Fort Peck: S. 1591, in lieu of H. R. 4027, transferring certain transmission lines, substations, etc., at Fort Peck project, Montana.

Homme Reservoir: H. J. Res. 61, changing name of Park River Dam project to Homme Reservoir and Dam, Walsh County, N. Dak.

Fuel shortage: H. Res. 385, requesting Secretary of Interior to furnish full statistics on fuel oil and petroleum products now available, and necessary recommendations to make necessary supply available.

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Calendar Wednesday: Dispensed with Calendar Wednesday, business in order on Wednesday, February 18.

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Farewell Address: Representative Flannagan was appointed by the Speaker to read Washington's Farewell Address to the membership on Monday, February 23.

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Special Orders: Under special orders the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Engel of Michigan, on furniture purchases by the War Department; Messrs. Hébert, Domengeaux, and Dirksen, on certain phases of the 1948 gubernatorial election in Louisiana; and Mr. Heselton, on the fuel-oil shortage.

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Committee Meetings

OIL-STOCK PILING

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil met and heard Commodore Greenman of the Navy Department; J. Woodward of DeGolyer & Mc-Naughton, Dallas, Tex.; H. English of Los Angeles, Calif.; and John Reed of the U. S. Geological Service.

Subcommittee No. 3 met in executive session on stock piling and heard testimony of Thomas J. Hargrave, Chairman of the Munitions Board, and W. N. B. Freeman, Deputy Director, Procurement Division, Treasury Department. Full committee meets tomorrow.

RENT CONTROL-EXPORT CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met in executive session and agreed to report a bill extending the present Housing and Rent Control Act until March 31, 1948, and in the meantime to give further study to a rent-control measure. The committee also voted to extend title 3, of the Second War Powers Act, pertaining to export of certain strategic materials, until March 31, 1948, pending hearings and further consideration.

DISTRICT BILLS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Judiciary Subcommittee met on various Senate bills and heard Representative Johnson of Indiana on S. 468, increases amount of property holdings of the Imperial Palace, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, from \$100,000 to \$5,000,000.

On S. 8, providing for the incorporation, regulation, merger, consolidation, and dissolution of certain business corporations in the District of Columbia, the subcommittee received testimony from A. Canfield, former president of D. C. Bar Association; M. E. Hartley, of the D. C. Bar Association; George McNeil, president, D. C. Bar Association; and Miss E. Dague, Office of Recorder of Deeds.

William Strickler appeared in connection with S. 1124, increasing the scope of inspection of certain classes of boilers and pressure vessels not included in the original Boiler Inspection Act.

On S. 1265, amending D. C. law relating to liability for causing death by wrongful act, the subcommittee heard William Lichtenberg, attorney; Mary R. Day, attorney; R. J. Whiteford, attorney; and W. N. Collins. F. J. Ortman appeared on S. 1266, amending D. C. law relating to the testimony of the surviving party to a transaction.

H. M. Starling testified on S. 1442, providing that on the death of any person in whose favor or against whom a right of action may have accrued, the right of action shall survive, in tort actions—limited to damages, for injury, pain, and suffering.

On S. 1266 and S. 1442 the subcommittee also heard A. Canfield, attorney, D. C. Bar Association. Hearing continues tomorrow.

WEATHER BUREAU-FUEL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in executive session and voted to favorably report to the House H. R. 4112, authorizing acceptance of funds from States, political subdivisions, private industry, etc., for support of the national weather service, supplementing the funds appropriated for the Weather Bureau.

Later the committee continued its public hearings on the fuel investigation and received the testimony of Hon. Julius A. Krug, Secretary, Department of the Interior. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTITIONERS—HEROISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 met on H. R. 2657, to protect the public with respect to practitioners before administrative agencies and heard F. G. Robinson, traffic manager, Galveston Chamber of Commerce; Spencer Gordon, counsel, American Institute of Accountants; John W. Scott, Washington patent attorney; Joseph E. McElvain, Chief of Appeals Council, Social Security Administration; Ward E. Boote, assistant general counsel, Employees' Compensation Commission; and P. F. Federico, U. S. Patent Office.

Subcommittee No. 3 heard the following witnesses in support of H. R. 4915, authorizing the Attorney General of the United States to recognize and to award to outstanding, courageous, young Americans a medal for heroism known as the Young American Medal of Honor: Hon. Tom C. Clark, Attorney General; and Representatives Chelf, Riley, and Dorn.

Representative Bryson appeared in support of his bill H. R. 5106, relative to changes in time for holding court in the eastern and western districts of South Carolina.

Representative Wheeler spoke in support of H. R. 1558 and S. 175, to provide for the furnishing of quarters at Brunswick, Ga., for the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.

Henry P. Chandler, Director of Administrative Office of United States Courts, also testified on H. R. 1558 and S. 175.

MARITIME COMMISSION

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Met on legislation extending the authority of the Maritime Commission to operate, sell, and charter Governmentowned vessels, and heard George W. Morgan, president, Association of American Shipowners; W. B. Garner, ex-vice-president, Waterman Steamship Corp.; and Robert Strange, representing the tramp operators. Hearings continue tomorrow.

POSTAL RATES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: St. George Subcommittee met on H. R. 4953, creating a board of postal rates and fees in the Post Office Department, and heard Peter Connelly, assistant solicitor, Post Office Department, who presented the statement of the Postmaster General. According to this statement, the Post Office Department is now preparing a comprehensive revision of the postal-rate structure which will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

The Committee also heard Robert Ramspeck, executive vice president, Air Transport Association of America; Hartman Barber, general representative, Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks; and Elizabeth A. Smart, national director, bureau of legislation, WCTU.

INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Indian Affairs met on H. R. 658 and H. R. 4736, providing for the adjustment of repayment contracts in the Flathead irrigation project, Montana, and heard Representative Mansfield who testified as to the need of this legislation.

Samuel J. Flickinger, assistant chief counsel, Bureau of Indian Affairs, discussed the bill submitted to the committee by the Department of the Interior; Firman Brown, Flathead irrigation project engineer, also discussed the same bill. William Zimmerman, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, testified briefly on behalf of the Department.

POSTWAR HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads met on H. R. 4867 and H. R. 4868, postwar highway-reconstruction program, and heard John V. Lawrence, American Trucking Associations; William Zimmerman, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; J. M. Brown, director of roads, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; J. T. Sanders, legislative counsel, National Grange; H. Willis Tabler, American Farm Bureau Federation; and Representative Miller of California. Hearings continue tomorrow.

BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Law

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D84)

S. 1394, increasing subsistence payments to veterans under the education program. Signed February 14, 1948 (P. L. 411).

Tuesday, February 17, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed 31 Private Calendar bills.

Bills on rent-control extension, European recovery program, Second Decontrol Act, railroad reorganization, and armed services approved in final form for reporting.

House committee approved bill authorizing synthetic-rubber industry.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 1352-1382

Bills Introduced: Twelve bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2165 to S. 2176; S. J. Res. 183 and 184; and S. Res. 200 and 201.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2123, to exempt 5-star generals and 5-star admirals from retirement because of age (S. Rept. 889).

S. 1525, to provide transportation for certain Government and other personnel, with amendment (S. Rept. 890).

S. 1807, in effect to extend Second Decontrol Act (export control and certain allocating powers) until June 30, 1949 (S. Rept. 891).

· S. Res. 200, authorizing \$15,000 additional funds for Small Business Committee (no written report).

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Bills Referred: Thirteen House-passed bills, passed on February 16, were referred to appropriate committees.

Pages 1360-1361

Rent Control: Senate gave Banking and Currency Committee until noon tomorrow to report the extension of rent-control bill approved by that committee yesterday.

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Presidential Message: Senate received second quarterly report on aid to Greece and Turkey, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pages 1353-1354

International Telecommunications Convention: The President transmitted a copy of the following instruments signed at Atlantic City on October 2, 1947: (1) International Telecommunications Convention, with annexes; (2) Final protocol to the Convention; and (3) Radio regulations annexed to the Convention, with appendices (Executive B).

It was ordered that the injunction of secrecy be removed.

Pages 1376–1377

Small Business: S. Res. 200, to authorize \$15,000 of additional funds for expenditures by the Small Business Committee until April 1, 1948, was introduced, reported, and passed.

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Indians: House amendments to S. 522, sale of land of Chippewas of Michigan, and S. 1133, per capita payment to Indians of Fort Berthold Reservation, N. Dak., were adopted, thus clearing the bills for the White House.

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St. Lawrence Seaway: Senate met briefly, with S. J. Res. 111, St. Lawrence Seaway, the pending business.

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Confirmations: The Senate confirmed 929 sundry military nominations below the rank of general and admiral.

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Nominations: Senate received 389 nominations for appointment in the Army Nurse Corps and the Women's Medical Specialist Corps, along with two civilian nominations and one withdrawal of a postmaster nomination.

Pages 1378-1379

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY-EXCHANGE MARGINS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Hearings were continued on S. 1881, to provide for regulation of margin requirements on the commodity exchanges, with the following witnesses testifying in opposition to the bill: R. H. Sturtevant, board of directors, Kansas City Board of Trade; Richard F. Uhlmann; president, Chicago Board of Trade; John C. Gardner, president, New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange; George C. Schutte, president, New York Cocoa Exchange; and

Joseph P. Henican, Jr., formerly with Fenner and Beane, New Orleans.

W. R. Ogg, American Farm Bureau Federation, recommended further consideration of the subject, and J. T. Sanders, National Grange, spoke in support of the bill.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued its investigation into the various reclamation projects on the Friant-Kern Canal of the Central Valley project, receiving further testimony from Richard L. Boke, director; Assistant Director Gendron, and Robert S. Calland, all of region 2 (California) of the Bureau of Reclamation, and Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Straus. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SURPLUS LANDS—FORTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee continued its consideration of problems raised by passage of S. Con. Res. 31, to request the War and Navy Departments and the WAA to delay until March 15, 1948, in reporting as surplus certain lands and permanent structures, awaiting a report by the administrative agencies before January 15, 1948, to the Committees on Armed Services on the location, general description, and fair market value of these properties (primarily concerning particular historic forts throughout the U. S.), receiving further testimony from officials of the Department of Army, the WAA, National Park Service, Public Buildings Administration, RFC, and Department of Commerce. Subcommittee meets again March 2.

UMT, ARMY NOMINATIONS, AND ARMED SERVICE BILLS

Committee on Armed Services: After an executive session the chairman announced that the committee felt it could not agree on what to do with the UMT bill until the committee receives further information on costs of reserve components. He also stated such information would not be obtainable for at least 2 weeks.

Over 1,000 Army and Navy nominations were favorably reported.

The committee approved the following bills: S. 2123, to exempt 5-star generals and 5-star admirals from retirement because of age; S. 1571, to add two members to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, with amendment; S. 1107, to authorize permanent arming of American vessels in time of national emergency, with amendment; S. 1723, to authorize the appointment of cadets and midshipmen from Canada, with amendment; and S. 1790, to authorize longevity credit for service under 18 years of age, with amendment.

SECOND DECONTROL ACT

Committee on Banking and Currency: In executive session the committee reported, with amendment, S. 1807,

in effect to extend Second Decontrol Act (export control and certain allocating powers) until June 30, 1949.

LEGISLATIVE REORGANIZATION

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Committee continued its hearings on the evaluation of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 with former Senator Robert M. La Follette and Representative Monroney, cosponsors of the law, testifying on the evaluation generally. Irving R. Kaufman, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, and Prof. Belle Zeller, Brooklyn College, discussed the lobbying provision (title III). Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARSHALL PLAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee unanimously agreed to introduce and report the committee draft (as previously agreed to with amendments) of a bill to provide for the European recovery program. As approved, the bill would immediately authorize \$5.3 billion for a 12-month period ending April 1, 1949, an exact relative figure to the \$6.8 billion for a 15-month period as previously proposed, and would authorize additional appropriations through June 30, 1952, as Congress may provide.

The reported bill, together with the accompanying report, is expected to be filed within a week. Chairman Vandenberg announced that he expects the bill to come up for debate in the Senate on March 1.

RAILROADS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: In executive session the committee approved, with amendment, H. R. 2298, Railroad Reorganization Act providing a procedure whereby the ICC may approve action by railroads not in bankruptcy to alter or modify their debt obligations.

The nomination of Isaac N. P. Stokes, to be solicitor for the Department of Commerce, was reported favorably.

LABOR EXTENSION COURSES

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Continuing hearings on S. 1390, Department of Labor extension courses, the following witnesses testified before the subcommittee in support of the bill: Frank Fenton, repre-

sentative in charge of International Affairs, AFL; John Connors, director, Workers Education Bureau of America; Alfred Conable, University of Michigan; Z. Dickinson, faculty chairman, and Arthur Elder, Director, Workers Educational Service, all affiliated with University of Michigan; Victor Reuther, educational director, UAW-CIO; John Reid, secretary-treasurer, Michigan Federation of Labor, AFL; and Theodore Brown, research director, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee heard the following witnesses testify generally in support of H. R. 4044, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act, with respect to war claims, but oppose section 2 thereof: Stanley D. Metzger, and Benedict M. English, Department of State; Lt. Col. John E. Kirk, Department of Army; Elting R. Arnold, and Edwin F. Rains, General Counsel Office of Treasury Department; Max Eisenbergh, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Office of Alien Property; and John Ward Cutler, an attorney of Washington. Edwin Nye, workers of Guam, Wake, and Midway, testified in opposition to title III of the bill as now drafted.

SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee approved S. Res. 200, to authorize \$15,000 of additional funds for expenditures by the Small Business Committee until April 1, 1948.

MATERNITY LEAVE—GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee opened hearings on S. 784, to provide maternity leave for Government employees, and heard testimony from the following witnesses: Rear Adm. Paul B. Niebecker, Director of Industrial Relations for the Navy; Judge Fay Bentley; Miss Gehri, superintendent of the House of Mercy; Col. Charles I. Stengle, representative, American Federation of Government Employees; Dr. John W. Cronin, Chief of Federal Employment Section, Public Health Service of FSA; Miss Linda Woods, Columbia Hospital; Dr. J. Bay Jacobs, Clinic Director of Obstetrics, and Dr. H. J. Davis, Clinic Director of Pediatrics, both of Bureau of Maternal and Child Welfare, District Health Department. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventeen public bills, H. R. 5432-5448; four private bills, H. R. 5449-5452; and one resolution, H. Res. 469, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 5216, providing for investigation by FBI of any person appointed as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission (pt. II of H. Rept. 1290);

Disposal of certain executive papers (H. Rept. 1378);

Twenty-three private claims bills, S. 535, 641, 922, 939, 970, 1031, 1267, 1716, 1721; and H. R. 550, 911, 912, 1088, 1222, 2070, 2684, 2698, 2734, 2919, 3027, 3641, 4129, and 4571 (H. Repts. 1379–1401, inclusive);

H. R. 5390, extending temporary authority of Rent Control Act until March 31, 1948 (H. Rept. 1402); and

H. R. 5391, extending temporary export-control authority of President under Second War Powers Act (H. Rept. 1403).

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Private Calendar: Thirty-one private claims bills were passed, as follows:

Without amendment: H. R. 1667, 2013, 2803, 2806, 3787, 3964, 4246, 4541, 4569, 4570, and 4672. Senate bills, cleared for Executive action, were S. 257, 305, 310, 311, 312, 313, 409, 457, 499, 542, and 1673.

With amendments: H. R. 1392, 1786, 2633, 4118, and

4593; and S. 316, 402, 500, and 521.

Passed over without prejudice: H. R. 2136 and 4050.

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Ordnance Equipment: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 774, authorizing disposition of condemned ordnance equipment, thus completing legislative action.

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Committee Meetings

FARM MACHINERY SITUATION

Committee on Agriculture: Met on farm machinery situation and heard Representative Peden and Harold Pinches, director of research of Harry Ferguson, Inc., Detroit, Mich. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RUBBER

Committee on Armed Services: Met and agreed to favorably report to the House H. R. 5314, providing for maintenance of an adequate domestic rubber-producing industry. The committee also agreed to accept the Senate amendments to H. R. 774, authorizing loan or gift of condemned or obsolete material to war veterans associations, museums, etc.

DISTRICT BILLS

Committee on District of Columbia: Judiciary Subcommittee met in executive session on various Senate bills which have been referred to it and ordered favorably reported to the full committee S. 468, increasing amount of property holdings of the Imperial Palace, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, from \$100,000 to \$5,000,000. Hearing continues tomorrow.

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns Subcommittee on Hollywood Jurisdictional Labor Dispute met and heard Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America; Paul Dullzell, president, Actors and Artists of America; Burton A. Zorn, New York, attorney for producers; Peter Rathvon, president,

RKO; and Zach Lamar Cobb, attorney for the carpenters' union, Los Angeles, Calif. Hearing continues tomorrow.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met on United States foreign policy for postwar recovery program and heard Merwin K. Hart of National Economic Council; Representative Anderson of California; Francis Wilcox, California Fruit Growers Association; William Green, president, AFL; and Hon. Hamilton Fish. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FUEL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continued public hearings on fuel investigation, with special reference to price, and heard Robert G. Dunlop, president, Sun Oil Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; M. J. Rathbone, president, Esso-Standard Oil Co., New York, N. Y.; and A. L. Nickerson, director in charge of marketing, Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., New York, N. Y. Hearings continue tomorrow.

JUDICIAL ACTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the House, 3 bills, H. R. 1468, H. R. 1470, and H. R. 2271, with amendments, having to do with the review of certain orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the United States Maritime Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, and of the Secretary of Agriculture, made under the Packers and Stockyards Act and the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, and to incorporate into the Judicial Code the provisions of certain statutes relating to three-judge district courts.

The committee also ordered favorably reported to the House H. R. 5119, regarding stowaways; H. R. 5193, naturalization of aliens who served in the Armed Forces of the United States; H. R. 5310, to authorize the admission into the United States of persons of races indigenous to Siam and to make them racially eligible for naturalization; and 23 private claims bills. Two private claims bills were tabled.

The public hearings scheduled by Subcommittee No. 1 for 10:30 a.m., February 18, on the bills proposing an equal rights amendment to the Constitution, and the bills to establish a commission on the legal status of women, have been postponed until March 10, 1948.

MARITIME COMMISSION

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Met on legislation extending the authority of the Maritime Commission to operate, sell, and charter Government-owned vessels, and heard John J. O'Connor, representing Isbrandtsen Steamship Co.; Commodore Halert C. Shepheard, chief, Office of Merchant Marine Safety, United States Coast Guard; and Walter Radius, director, Office

of Transport and Communications, Department of State. Committee adjourned, subject to call of Chair.

POSTAL RATES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: St. George Subcommittee continued public hearings on H. R. 4953, creating a board of postal rates and fees in the Post Office Department, and heard John O'Connor, chairman, National Postal Committee for Books, Grosset & Dunlap, Inc., New York, N. Y.; Joseph A. White, Pittsburgh, Pa., representing National Retail Credit Association; Albert L. Cole and Francis D. Pratt, representing the National Association of Magazine Publishers, Inc., New York, N. Y.; and Walter Phillips, Associated Third Class Mail Users, Washington, D. C.

INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Indian Affairs met on H. R. 4736, providing for readjustment of repayment contracts with respect to lands within the Flathead Irrigation project, Montana, and heard Samuel J. Flickinger, assistant chief counsel, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Firman Brown, Flathead Irrigation project engineer, St. Ignatius, Mont.; and Herbert J. Slaughter,

Office of the Solicitor, Department of the Interior; all of whom discussed the provisions of the proposed Interior Department's bill.

POSTWAR HIGHWAY PROGRAM—POLLUTION

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads continued their hearing on H. R. 4867 and H. R. 4868, postwar highway reconstruction program, and heard Maj. Gen. Philip E. Fleming, Administrator, Federal Works Agency; Thomas H. MacDonald, Commissioner, Public Roads Administration, Federal Works Agency; and A. E. Demaray, associate director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Subcommittee studying various stream-pollution bills met in executive session.

VETERANS' HEALTH

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met and heard Dr. Paul B. Magnuson, Medical Director; Dr. H. A. Press, Director of Management and Finance, Medical Department; and S. M. Moore, Budget Officer; all of the Veterans' Administration, all of whom discussed the proposed medical program of the Veterans' Administration.

Wednesday, February 18, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed legislative-budget resolution.

Bills on national forests, Government alcohol plant, and Government pay increase approved by Senate groups.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 1395-1398

Bills Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2177 to S. 2182.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1107, to authorize permanent arming of American vessels in time of national emergency, with amendments (S. Rept. 892).

S. 1571, to add two members to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, with amendments (S. Rept. 893).

S. 1723, to authorize the appointment of cadets and midshipmen from Canada, with amendment (S. Rept. 894).

S. 1790, to authorize longevity credit for service under 18 years of age (S. Rept. 895).

S. 2182, to extend rent control until April 30, 1949 (S. Rept. 896).

H. R. 2298, railroad reorganization bill (S. Rept. 897).

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Bills Referred: Sixteen House-passed bills, passed on February 17, were referred to appropriate committees.

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China Relief: President submitted to Congress for "prompt and favorable consideration" a message requesting Congress to authorize a program for aid to China in the amount of \$570 million to provide assistance until June 30, 1949—referred to Committee on Foreign Relations.

Legislative Budget: Senate debated and adopted S. Con. Res. 42, providing that revenues during the fiscal year 1949 will approximate \$47.3 billion, and that expenditures during the same fiscal year should not exceed

\$37.2 billion, of which latter amount not more than \$26.6 billion would be in consequence of appropriations hereafter made available for obligation in that fiscal year.

The Senate, under unanimous consent, had temporarily put aside further consideration of S. J. Res. 111, St. Lawrence Seaway, in order to bring up this concurrent resolution.

Pages 1398-1408

Confirmations: Senate confirmed 137 military nominations.

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Nominations: Senate received nomination of John Taylor Egan, New York, to be Public Housing Commissioner, along with 13 other civilian nominations and one Marine Corps nomination.

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Committee Meetings

NATIONAL FORESTS AND GOVERNMENT ALCOHOL PLANTS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: In executive session the committee approved H. R. 1809, to facilitate the use and occupancy of national forest lands, and approved with amendment S. 2142, to make Government-owned alcohol plant at Muscatine, Iowa, available for processing agricultural commodities in experimental programs of the Department of Agriculture.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued its investigation into the various reclamation projects on the Friant-Kern canal of the Central Valley project, receiving further testimony from Assistant Commissioner Markwell, and Chief Counsel Clifford Fix, Bureau of Reclamation; and Director Richard L. Boke, Assistant Director U. R. Gendron, R. K. Durant, and Robert S. Calland, of region 2 (California) of the Bureau of Reclamation. Subcommittee adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

QUARTERMASTER CORPS LABORATORY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee met on S. 286, construction of a research laboratory at Boston for the Quartermaster Corps, and heard Senator Myers and other citizens of Pennsylvania in support of locating such a laboratory at Philadelphia. Hearings will continue at a later date.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

Committee on Banking and Currency: The nomination of M. S. Szymczak, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board, was favorably reported by the committee.

GRAIN

Committee on Banking and Currency: Grain Subcommittee met in executive session, but made no announcement of action taken. Continues tomorrow.

LEGISLATIVE REORGANIZATION

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: George B. Galloway, Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress, and George H. E. Smith, Secretary to the Majority Policy Committee of the Senate, appeared before the committee to discuss the evaluation of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946; they discussed the gains achieved under that act and made further proposals to improve the workings of Congress. This concludes the hearings temporarily.

AGRICULTURAL AND MINERAL PRODUCTS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: National Resources Economic Subcommittee heard Lamont Graw, Florida Growers Association; John Breckenridge, representing Fluorspar Producers, California Fruit, Walnut, and Almond growers associations, and Northwest Nut Growers Association; Joe Anderson, Columbia Metals Association, Seattle; and Ralph R. Langley, Summit Alpha Mine, Kingman, Ariz., testify to the effect that a reduction in tariffs was detrimental to the agricultural and mineral producers. They favored restoration of tariffs which would equalize cost of production; favored a flexible tariff and a strengthened U. S. Tariff Commission; also taking of powers away from the State Department to lower tariffs. Hearings continue March 2.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Public Lands Subcommittee met in executive session to consider calendar business, and will make a report of action taken to the full committee on Monday. Committee continues tomorrow.

NATURAL GAS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee heard William Hanscom, Oil Workers International Union, CIO, discuss H. R. 4051, amending Natural Gas Act relative to jurisdiction of Federal Power Commission fixing rates for sale of natural gas in interstate commerce. This concludes hearings on this bill.

ANTILYNCHING

Committee on the Judiciary: Senator Maybank testified before the subcommittee in opposition to S. 42, antilynching bill. Hearings continue Friday.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee heard John Carmody, American Bar Association, and Hugh O'Bear, D. C. Bar Association, testify in support of the nominations of James M. Proctor, to be associate justice, and Harold M. Stephens, to be chief justice, both for the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Another subcommittee, considering the nomination of Edward Allen Tamm, to be a judge of the Federal

District Court for the District of Columbia, received testimony in support of the nomination from Senators Bridges and McMahon; Attorney General Tom Clark; FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover; Carl McFarland, James Francis Reilley, Lyle O'Rourke, Edward P. Morgan, Robert I. Miller, and John L. Hillyard, all attorneys of Washington. Continues consideration tomorrow at 1 p. m.

LABOR EXTENSION COURSES

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Hearings were continued on S. 1390, Department of Labor extension courses, before the subcommittee, with Senator Morse; Alan Haywood, vice president, CIO; Kermit Eby, director, education and research, CIO; and Laurence Rogin, educational director, Textile Workers of America, CIO, testifying in support of the legislation. Dr. Edward L. Keller, National University Extension Association, testified generally in opposition to the bill as presently drafted. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PAY INCREASES FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: In executive session the subcommittee agreed to report to the full committee an omnibus pay increase bill for Government employees providing a minimum of \$2,000 salary for all full-time Government employees, and a \$1,000 across-the-board pay increase for all Government workers. It would break the \$10,000 salary limitation and set new salaries for Cabinet officers and top executives ranging up to \$21,000.

MATERNITY LEAVE—GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 784, to provide maternity leave for Government employees, and received supporting testimony from representatives of Department of Labor, FSA, Department of Interior, Office of Surgeon General, AFL, Group Health, National Federation of Federal Employees, and Walter Reed Hospital.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

FARM MACHINERY SITUATION

Committee on Agriculture: Continued public hearings on the farm machinery situation and heard Ralph O. Brown, representing Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, Inc., and Regal Meier, National Farm Machinery Cooperative, Inc., Belleview, Ohio. Hearings continue tomorrow.

WAC-WAVE-NURSES' RETIREMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Organization Subcommittee, meeting on S. 1641, WAC-WAVE legislation, heard Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, Secretary of Defense James Forrestal, Admiral Louis Denfeld, Gen. Omar Bradley, and Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, all of whom appeared in favor of the bill.

Special Subcommittee on Oil also met and heard Herbert Hoover, Jr., and A. A. Curtis, both of the firm of Curtis, Hoover & Ruby, of New York. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Special Johnson Subcommittee on Retirement met on H. R. 4090, nurses' retirement bill, and ordered the bill favorably reported to the full committee.

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D. C. ARMORY

Committee on the District of Columbia: Judiciary Subcommittee met to consider new proposed legislation relative to control of the District Armory. Among the witnesses appearing on this subject were D. C. Commissioners J. Russell Young, Guy Mason, and Gordon Young; and Corporation Counsels Vernon West and Chester Gray.

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns subcommittee continued hearings on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute and received testimony from Matthew Levy, attorney for IATSE; William C. Doherty, president, National Association of Letter Carriers; Barney Balaban, president, and Y. Frank Freeman, vice president, both of Paramount Pictures, Hollywood; and William C. Michel, executive vice president, Twentieth Century-Fox Co., New York. Hearings continue tomorrow.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Continued public hearings on foreign policy for postwar recovery program and heard Winfield W. Riefler and J. W. Sanders, both of the National Grange; George Baldanzi, Textile Workers Union of America, CIO; A. G. Bryant, president, National Machine Tool Builders Association; and Hoyt

Haddock of the CIO Maritime Committee. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FUEL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continued public hearings on fuel investigation, with reference to prices, and heard further testimony from M. J. Rathbone, president, Esso-Standard Oil Co., New York City. Testimony was also received from Howard Page, executive assistant to the president, Esso-Standard Oil Co., A. L. Nickerson, director in charge of marketing, Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., New York City; and W. W. Vandeveer, president, Allied Oil Co., Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.

CLAIMS—PATENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Claims met and agreed to report 22 bills favorably to the full committee. One bill will be reported adversely.

Patents Subcommittee conducted an open hearing on H. R. 2860, providing protection by registration of designs for textile fabrics, and heard Representative Celler, former Representative Lanham, of Texas, and 12 other witnesses.

POSTAL RATES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met to consider H. R. 4459 and other related measures designed to reduce or provide free postage rates on gift parcels to certain foreign countries and heard Representatives Kersten of Wisconsin, Blatnik, and Bakewell, who appeared in favor of the legislation, along with two representatives of the Post Office Department, John J. Gillen, Deputy Second Assistant Postmaster General, and Alfer Strom, budget commissioner.

INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Indian Affairs continued their hearings on H. R. 658, H. R. 4736, and S. 1870, providing for readjustment of repayment contracts with respect to lands within the Flathead irrigation project, Montana, and heard John W. Cragun, attorney, representing the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, who was accompanied by a delegation of three, consisting of Phil Hand, Walter Morgeau, and Steve DeMers. The committee also heard Lloyd Wallace, attorney, representing Jocko and Mission irrigation districts, and D. A. Delhoo, secretary, Flathead irrigation district.

POSTWAR HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads met on H. R. 4867 and H. R. 4868, postwar highway-reconstruction program, and heard Representative Lemke, Senator Morse, and C. M. Granger, Assistant Chief, U. S. Forestry Service, Department of Agriculture.

FASCISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: Subcommittee on Fascism met in executive session and heard Francis Langthorn, an immigration inspector at the port of Detroit, who furnished an explanation of the official procedure used in interviewing people coming into this country through that port. Meeting continues tomorrow.

TAX REMISSION

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session on S. 1014 and H. R. 4979, tax remissions to Virgin Islands, and heard Representative Cole of New York.

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HIGHLIGHTS

House adjourned out of respect to Representative Robsion, of Kentucky. Senate group approved grain allocation for distilled spirits.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, February 20, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

NAVAL PERSONNEL-GRATUITY AND PAY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee heard officials of the Army and Navy testify in support of

S. 1664, relative to lump-sum payments to certain retired Naval and Marine Corps Reserve officers; S. 1792, relating to retirement pay for certain naval officers, and H. R. 1380, relating to death gratuity for dependents of naval personnel.

DISTILLED SPIRITS—GRAIN

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee, in executive session, unanimously agreed to report to the full committee a bill to extend grain allocation controls

to October 31, 1948 (bill not yet introduced). The proposed legislation would provide for allocation of not less than 2½ million bushels per month; the formula would be determined by the Department of Agriculture; would be made effective retroactive to October 26, 1947; a 6,000-bushel minimum would be allowed to each plant, with no part of any allotment transferable; and if corn prices reach support price level for a period of 30 days, the whole allocation program would be terminated.

HOUSING EXPEDITER

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee, in executive session, heard Tighe E. Woods, in connection with his own nomination to be Housing Expediter.

MINING RESEARCH

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining opened hearings on H. R. 2453, to authorize a research laboratory in the North Dakota lignite-consuming region, and heard the following witnesses in support of the proposed legislation: Senators Young, Langer, and Thye; Representative Robertson; Dr. A. C. Fieldner, Chief of Fuels and Explosive Branch of Bureau of Mines; Dr. L. H. Reyerson, professor of chemistry, University of Minnesota; R. E. Wilson, commissioner of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, St. Paul; Alex C. Burr, North Dakota Research Foundation; Fred R. Frederickson, Greater North Dakota Association; and John Tester and Palmer Christensen, Rogers, North Dakota.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Public Lands met in executive session to consider business on its calendar. A report of action taken will be made to the full committee on February 23.

DISTRICT COURT NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee continued hearings on the nomination of Edward Allen Tamm,

to be a judge of the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia, with Mr. Tamm testifying in behalf of himself.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 4044, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act, with respect to war claims, with Col. George Ijams, VFW; George Whitfield Betts, Jr., New York attorney; and Maj. Gen. Edward P. King, Jr., testifying in support of the bill generally, but against section 2, proposing amendment to it for prisoners of war. H. H. Martin, Washington, D. C., testified for the information of the committee; Mrs. Dorothy Kephart, American Internees Committee, testified in support of the proposed legislation. Committee adjourned subject to call of the chair.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDIATION SERVICE

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: The nominations of John Thad Scott, Jr., of Texas, to be a member of the Mediation Service, and Leonard A. Scheele, to be Surgeon General, together with 35 routine public health nominations, were ordered favorably reported, by the committee in executive session.

LABOR EXTENSION COURSES

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 1390, Department of Labor extension courses, receiving testimony in support of the proposed legislation from Elisabeth Christman, executive secretary, National Women's Trade Union League; A. J. Hayes, general vice president, International Association of Machinists; Amy Hewes, professor emeritus, Mount Holyoke College; and Edward Weyler, secretary-treasurer, Kentucky State Federation of Labor, AFL. John A. Hannah, president, Michigan State College, representing the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities, also expressed his views on the proposal. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-seven public bills, H. R. 5453-5479; nine private bills, H. R. 5480-5488; and ten resolutions, H. Res. 470-475 and H. J. Res. 329-332, were introduced.

Pages 1423-1434

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. Res. 462, appointment of select House committee to investigate possible fraudulent income-tax returns filed in Louisiana (H. Rept. 1404);

H. Res. 471, rule providing time for debate and consideration of amendments to H. R. 5390, extending rent control temporarily (H. Rept. 1405);

H. Res. 472, rule providing time for debate and consideration of amendments to H. R. 5391, extending Second Decontrol Act of 1947 temporarily (H. Rept. 1406);

H. R. 5119, amending immigration laws relating to stowaways (H. Rept. 1407);

H. R. 5193, permitting acquisition of citizenship of alien members of U. S. armed forces of World Wars I and II (H. Rept. 1408); and

H. R. 5314, to maintain Government-sponsored synthetic-rubber plants for emergency purposes (H. Rept. 1409).

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China Relief: Heard President's recommendation for congressional enactment of a 2-year aid plan to China in amount of \$570 million. Referred to Committee on Foreign Affairs and printed as House Document 536.

Pages 1425-1426

Condolence Resolution: Adopted H. Res. 470, expressing condolence on the death of Representative John M. Robsion, of Kentucky, and providing for immediate adjournment as a further mark of respect to the late Member.

Pages 1427-1432

Committee Meetings

FARM MACHINERY SITUATION

Committee on Agriculture: Continued public hearings on the farm machinery situation and heard Theodore Johnson and W. L. Clark of the J. I. Case & Co., Racine, Wis. Hearing continues tomorrow.

OIL—BATTLE STREAMERS—WEST POINT

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil continued their public hearings and heard Commodore William G. Greenman of the Navy Department and Charles P. Franchot, legal adviser to Director of Naval Petroleum Reserves.

The Policy Subcommittee met in executive session and agreed to report favorably to full committee S. 703, authorizing army regiments to carry Civil War battle streamers with regimental colors, and S. 1802, authorizing presentation of medal of honor to unknown soldier of World War II. Capt. Ira H. Nunn, of the Navy Department, and Col. Walter P. Ritchie testified in behalf of these bills.

Subcommittee on Posts and Stations met to consider H. R. 2359, authorizing a water filtration plant at West Point Reservation, and S. 1116, family quarters bill, and agreed to report favorably to the full committee both bills, with amendments.

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns subcommittee continued hearings on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute and received testimony from eight witnesses.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met on foreign policy for postwar recovery program and heard Wayne Taylor, Committee for Economic Development; Representatives Boggs, and Case of New Jersey; and Richard Bissell, executive secretary of the Harriman Committee. On February 10, Margaret F. Stone, chairman of legislation, National Women's Trade Union League of America, testified before the committee on the same subject.

ACCOUNTS

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Accounts met in executive session.

FUEL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met on petroleum investigation, with reference to prices, and heard John Boatwright, general manager, distribution and economics, Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, Chicago, Ill.; and Reid Brazell, president, Leonard Refiners, Inc., Alma, Mich.

MARITIME COMMISSION

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Full committee met in executive session and considered legislative program with reference to extending temporary authority of the Maritime Commission under the Merchant Ship Sales Act of 1946 and vessel inspection and navigation laws.

The Coast Guard Subcommittee met in executive session and discussed its future legislative program.

CIVIL SERVICE—COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met in executive session and ordered the following three bills to be favorably reported and placed on the Consent Calendar:

H. J. Res. 320, issuing special 3-cent postage stamp commemorating 100th anniversary of the creation of the Territory of Minnesota;

H. R. 5112, amending Civil Service Retirement Act, relative to Members of Congress who leave their office to serve in the military forces of the country; and

H. R. 5315, ratifying administrative promotions of certain employees on military furlough from the field postal service.

ALASKA—INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions met on Alaskan bills and heard Irwin W. Silverman, counsel, Division of Territories, Department of the Interior, who testified in behalf of H. R. 196, providing for construction of a hospital for insane in Alaska. Donald Lee, assistant chief counsel, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, testified in behalf of H. R. 4691, providing for the construction of tourist facilities along Alaska highway. Leon De Long and W. T. Beeks, Alaska Freight Express Corp., Seattle, Wash., discussed their freight operations and problems relating thereto.

In connection with H. R. 196, the subcommittee directed the Department of the Interior to make a comprehensive, detailed investigation as to costs, proposed site, etc., of a hospital for insane and deferred action until such report is received.

Subcommittee on Indian Affairs continued their hearings on H. R. 658, H. R. 4736, and S. 1870, providing for readjustment of repayment contracts with respect to lands within the Flathead irrigation project, Montana, and heard D. A. Dellwo, member of the Montana State Legislature and commissioner, Flathead irrigation district; Lloyd Wallace, Montana State senator and attorney for the Mission and Jocko irrigation district; John W. Cragun, attorney, Washington, D. C.; Phil Hamel, Walter Morgeau, and Steve DeMers; and Samuel J. Flickinger, assistant chief counsel, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

RULES—LOUISIANA—RENT AND EXPORT CONTROL

Committee on Rules: Heard Representatives Taber, Domengeaux, and Hébert, who favored H. Res. 462, to appoint a select committee of the House of Representatives to investigate possible fraudulent income-tax returns filed with the collector of internal revenue for the district of Louisiana. The resolution was ordered favorably reported, with amendments.

Heard Chairman Wolcott and Representatives Spence, Buchanan, Multer, and Brown of Georgia, of the Committee on Banking and Currency, who favored resolutions providing consideration for two bills, H. R. 5390 and H. R. 5391.

H. R. 5390 would continue for a temporary period (1 month) certain provisions of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947.

H. R. 5391 would continue for a temporary period (1 month) certain powers, authority, and discretion conferred on the President by the Second Decontrol Act of 1947.

A resolution providing I hour of general debate and waiving points of order was ordered reported on each of these bills.

COMMUNISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: Legislative Subcommittee met on various bills to curb or outlaw the Communist Party, and heard Representative Chadwick, of Pennsylvania; George Dimitrov, member of Bulgarian Peasant Party; Charles S. Sullivan, Jr., chairman, Un-American Activities Committee of D. C. Branch of VFW; and james Burnham, author of The Struggle for the World. Hearings continue tomorrow.

VETERANS' HOMESTEAD ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met on H. R. 4488 and allied bills, calling for the Veterans Homestead Act of 1948 and heard Frank W. Kelsey, assistant administrator for finance; T. B. King, Director of Loan Division; and Guy H. Birdsall, Assistant Administrator for Legislation, all of the Veterans' Administration. Ivan A. Bickelhaupt, vice president, Byrne Organization, also testified on the proposed legislation.

TARIFF

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session and agreed to report favorably to the House the following bills:

H. R. 4739, providing for free entry of exposed X-ray

H. R. 4938, classifying platinum-fox furs and foxes as dutiable.

H. R. 5275, free entry of limestone for use as fertilizer.
 H. R. 5328, providing for free entry of certain wood wastes.

BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Law

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. Dor)

H. R. 3778, establishing record evidence of oath of office by a Member of the House of Representatives. Signed February 18, 1948 (P. L. 412).

Friday, February 20, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate debated rent-control extension.

Senate groups approved bills on grain allocation, distilled spirits, and extension of RFC.

House committee opened hearings on China relief.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 1435-1450

Bills Introduced: Thirteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2183-S. 2195; S. J. Res. 185-188; and S. Res. 202-204.

Pages 1445, 1447, 1475

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2142, to make Government-owned alcohol plant at Muscatine, Iowa, available for processing agricultural commodities in experimental programs of the Department of Agriculture (S. Rept. 898);

H. R. 1809, to facilitate the use and occupancy of national forest lands (S. Rept. 899);

S. J. Res. 186, to extend grain allocation controls to

October 31, 1948 (S. Rept. 900).

National Defense Report on Contract Renegotiation in pursuance of S. Res. 46, Eightieth Congress.

Pages 1439-1444

Presidential Message: Second annual report on the activities of the UN and the participation of the U. S. therein covering the calendar year 1947, was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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International Sugar Agreement: A protocol prolonging for 1 year after August 31, 1947, the international agreement regarding regulation of production and marketing of sugar, signed at London on May 6, 1937 (Executive C) was received. The injunction of secrecy was removed, and it was referred to the Committee on Forcign Relations.

Pages 1450–1451

Indians: House amendments to S. 402 and S. 500, private Indian bills, were adopted, thus clearing the bills for the White House.

Rent Control Extension: Senate debated S. 2182, to extend rent control until April 30, 1949, and providing for termination of controls on maximum rents in areas and on housing accommodations where conditions justifying such controls no longer exist. The bill was called up in pursuance of a unanimous-consent agreement to put aside temporarily further consideration of S. J. Res. 111, St. Lawrence Seaway, and proceed to consideration of an extension of rent control.

Condolence Resolution: S. Res. 204, expressing condolence on the death of Representative John M. Robsion, of Kentucky, was adopted, and in pursuance thereof Senators Barkley and Cooper were designated to attend the funeral. The Senate then recessed until noon Monday as a token of further respect.

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Confirmations: The nominations of Isaac N. P. Stokes, of the District of Columbia, to be solicitor for the Department of Commerce, and M. S. Szymczak, Illinois, to reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of Federal Reserve, were confirmed.

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Nominations: Five civilian nominations, including Harold Armstrong Jones, of California, to be a member of the CAA, together with 590 nominations to be colonels in the Air Force, were received. Pages 1474–1480

Committee Meetings

NAVY SALVAGE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee met on S. 1785, to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to provide salvage facilities, and heard representatives of the Navy

Department in support of the bill. Also participating were representatives of private salvage companies.

DISTILLED SPIRITS-GRAIN

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee, in executive session, reported S. J. Res. 186, to extend grain allocation controls to October 31, 1948. The proposed legislation would provide for allocation of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ million bushels per month; the formula would be determined by the Department of Agriculture; would be made effective retroactive to October 26, 1947; a 6,000-bushel minimum would be allowed to each plant, with no part of any allotment transferable; and if corn prices reach support price level for a period of 30 days, the whole allocation program would be terminated.

RFC EXTENSION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee in executive session approved for reporting to the full committee a bill providing for the extension of the powers of the RFC to June 30, 1958. As approved, the bill would provide for reduction in the capital stock of the corporation from \$325 million to \$100 million, and loans made after June 30, 1947, would be limited to \$1 billion outstanding at any one time. An annual report to Congress would be required including data on all loans to any borrower in excess of \$100,000. The bill would also provide for payover to the Treasury as a dividend the amount of accumulated net income in excess of \$50 million. The terms of the present directors would be extended to June 30, 1950; thereafter the terms of directors would be staggered and two directors at that time would be appointed for 1 year, two for 2 years, and one for 3 years; thereafter, the terms would be 3 years. The Chairman would be designated by the President. Their salaries would be increased to \$15,000, with the Chairman getting \$17,500.

Public projects to be financed should be self-liquidating. Loans on all projects except those for public purposes should mature in not to exceed 10 years; loans for public purposes not to exceed 40 years.

IRRIGATION AND RECLAMATION

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee, in executive session, considered pending business, but made no announcement of action taken. Its report will be made to the full committee on Monday, February 23.

ANTILYNCHING

Committee on the Judiciary: Hearings were concluded on S. 42, antilynching bill, after receiving testimony in opposition to the measure from Senator Stennis.

LABOR EXTENSION COURSES

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee concluded hearings on S. 1390, Department of Labor extension courses, after receiving testimony generally

in support of the measure from the following witnesses: Frank McCallister, director, Georgia Workers' Service Project; Tony Luchek, professor in charge, Pennsylvania State College Labor Extension Service; Andrew Kondrath, staff representative, United Steelworkers of America, CIO; Bernard Marcus, staff representative, International Brotherhood of Teamsters; Paul Sifton, representative, National Committee for Extension of Labor Education; and William Davis, former Chairman, National War Labor Board.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

FARM MACHINERY SITUATION

Committee on Agriculture: Concluded the public hearings on the farm machinery situation by hearing Willis Tobler, American Farm Bureau Federation; J. T. Saunders, the National Grange; Frederic B. Northrup, Director, Price Support and Foreign Supply Branch, PMA; and Arthur Sufferin, Department of Commerce.

OIL

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil continued hearings and heard G. Stolz, engineer, Elk Hill Oil Reserve Property; Floyd Bryant, vice president, Standard Oil Co. of California; Charles A. Jones, president, Richfield Oil Co.; Thomas J. Casey, Barnsdall Oil Co.; and Robert E. Paradise, Western Oil and Gas Association.

SEX OFFENDERS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Health, Education, and Recreation (Public Welfare) held hearings on H. R. 5264 and H. R. 2937, both measures designed to provide legislation for commitment and treatment of criminal sexual psychopaths. The author of H. R. 2937, Representative MacKinnon, testified in favor of the bill and explained its objectives. Other witnesses were Morris Fay, U. S. attorney, who spoke on H. R. 5264; Dr. Winfred Overholser, Superintendent, St. Elizabeths Hospital; Dr. Benjamin Kurpman; Mr. Sparrow, attorney; J. V. Bennett, Bureau of Prisons; and A. J. Spero, attorney.

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns Subcommittee continued hearings on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute and received testimony from Joseph Touhy, labor relations representative for West-Coast Theaters; Harvey Brown, president, International Association of Machinists; and D. T. Wayne, business rep-

resentative, Cinema Lodge 1185, International Association of Machinists.

CHINA RELIEF

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Conducted a public hearing on legislation providing relief for China and heard Secretary of State Marshall testify in support of the legislation. The committee met in executive session in the afternoon with Secretary Marshall continuing his testimony.

FUEL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continued public hearing on fuel investigation, with reference to prices, and heard Bennett E. Aron, attorney, representing Supreme Oil Terminal Corp., Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Joseph D. Hadley, Michigan Petroleum Association, Detroit, Mich.

VETERANS' PREFERENCE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, Vursell subcommittee met on H. R. 3520, veterans' preference in civil service ratings, and heard Millard Rice, representative, DAV; Omar Ketchum, director, national legislative service, VFW; Harry Hayden, legislative representative, American Legion; and Bruce Stubblefield, chief, Veterans Preference Section, Civil Service Commission.

TERRITORIAL TAXES

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions met on H. R. 5122, amending section 9 of the act of August 24, 1912, relative to territorial taxes, and H. R. 206, statehood for Alaska, and heard E. L. Bartlett and Irwin W. Silverman, counsel, Division of Territories, Department of the Interior, both of whom testified in behalf of H. R. 5122, which was ordered reported favorably to the full committee.

Mr. Bartlett discussed the proposed subcommittee report on H. R. 206 and urged that the bill be favorably reported to the full committee.

COMMUNISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: Legislative Subcommittee concluded hearings on various bills to curb or outlaw the Communist Party, and heard testimony from Robert A. Maurer, professor, Georgetown University Law School; William Y. Elliott, staff member, House Select Committee on Foreign Aid and professor at Harvard University; and Benjamin J. Davis, New York City Council, who spoke as a representative of the Communist Party.

FLIGHT TRAINING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Education, Training, and Rehabilitation met on aviation flight training under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act and heard the following Members of Congress:

Representatives Elston, Bennett of Michigan, Bradley, Weichel, Jones of North Carolina, Evins, Miller of Connecticut, and Fletcher.

The committee also heard—

H. V. Stirling, Assistant Administrator for Rehabilitation, Veterans' Administration.

A. L. Monk, Director of Training, Veterans' Administration

R. B. Bland, legislative attorney, Veterans' Administration.

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Hon. Fred G. Reiners, State senator from Ohio.

John H. Wilson, National Aviation Trades Associa-

Hon. Kit Claridy, assistant attorney general, State of Michigan.

Coleman R. Griffith, provost, University of Illinois.

C. G. O'Dell, University of Texas.

Mario Fontana, representing Governor of Michigan. Ben M. Cherrington, University of Denver, Colorado. Col. Roscoe Turner, Indianapolis, Ind.

Asbury W. Meadows, director of aviation, State of

Capt. Maxwell W. Balfour, Tulsa, Okla.

Joint Committee Meetings

AVIATION

Congressional Aviation Policy Board: The 10-member Board met in executive session to consider its final report to Congress on March 1, in pursuance of Public Law 287 of the Eightieth Congress. The final report is scheduled to be released on March 2. Board meets again tomorrow.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate debated St. Lawrence Seaway.

Hearings on tax bill to begin March 1 before Senate group; Senate Interior Committee approved 15 bills.

Bill extending authority of Maritime Commission approved by House Committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 1485-1489

Bills Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2196 to S. 2206; and S. J. Res. 189.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 196, to authorize \$50,000 for the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee to make a study of the mandated islands in the Pacific and other subjects within the jurisdiction of the committee (no written report); referred to Committee on Rules and Administration.

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Washington's Farewell Address: Senator McMahon read Washington's Farewell Address. Pages 1481-1485

Presidential Message—Housing and Rents: The President submitted a message to Congress, recommending the enactment of legislation: "(1) To continue and strengthen rent control; (2) to stimulate a higher volume of home building on a sustained basis, with special emphasis on rental housing, and with proper safeguards against possible inflationary effects; (3) to reduce building costs; (4) to assist communities in providing low-rent housing for families in the lowest-income groups; (5) to aid cities in rebuilding and modernizing rundown areas." Referred to Banking and Currency Committee.

Pages 1485, 1560–1563

St. Lawrence Seaway: Further consideration of S. 2182, to extend rent control until April 30, 1949, was temporarily laid aside so that motions for amendments could be offered to S. J. Res. 111, St. Lawrence Seaway.

Senator Smith offered a motion to recommit the resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Debate then continued on S. J. Res. 111 for the remainder of the day. Vote on motion to recommit and on final passage will be taken on February 27.

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Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE REORGANIZATION

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Continuing hearings on the evaluation of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, the committee heard Prof. Franklin K. Burdett, University of Maryland, and Mrs. Kathryn H. Stone, League of Women Voters, discuss procedure under the act and suggest further improvements in Congressional organization and procedure. Committee recessed these hearings until Wednesday, but meets tomorrow on another bill (S. 646).

TAX-VETERANS

Committee on Finance: In executive session the committee agreed to begin hearings on H. R. 4790, the individual Income-Tax Reduction Act of 1948, on Monday, March 1—in morning sessions only. Government witnesses will be heard first. Hearings will be confined to the scope of the House-passed bill and any alternatives for income-tax reduction, proposed by the Administration or strongly supported minority groups.

H. R. 4141, to amend the National Service Life Insurance Act by extending for 2 years the time within which eligible persons may apply for gratuitous insurance benefits, was approved without amendment.

The following nominations were also approved: Alden H. Baker, Elaine Beadling, Martin R. Bradley, Bernice Pyke, Joseph T. Sylvester, and Joseph A. Ziemba, to be collectors of customs at various posts. John T. Jarecki, to be collector of internal revenue for first district of Illinois, was also approved.

PUBLIC LAND AND INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: In executive session the committee approved for reporting the following bills: H. J. Res. 61, to provide for designation of the Park River Dam and Reservoir project in North Dakota; S. 2081, to extend provisions of the Federal Airport Act to Virgin Islands, amended; H. R. 2453, to provide for research laboratory in North Dakota lignite-consuming region, amended; H. R. 3973, relating to compensation of commissioners of Alaska; H. R. 4980, relating to acquisition by U. S. of State-owned lands within the Glacier National Park; H. R. 4023, authorizing establishment of De Soto National Memorial in Florida; H. R. 3936, authorizing U. S. park police to make arrests within Federal reservations in D. C.; H. R. 2159, to authorize sewage-disposal system to serve Yorktown area of Colonial National Historical Park; H. R. 3175, to add lands to the Shasta National Forest, Calif.; S. 1620, establishing eligibility for burial in national cemeteries; S. Res. 196, to authorize \$50,000 for the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee to make a study of the mandated islands in the Pacific and other subjects within the jurisdiction of the committee; H. R. 2502, to provide \$5,000 for the general welfare of the Klamath Indians, amended; S. 1871, to restore land to town site of Wadsworth, Nev.; S. 1468, \$50 to each member of the Mescalero Apache Indian tribe; and S. 1021, relative to payment to officers and members of the Fort Peck Business Committee (Fort Peck tribe).

DISTRICT COURT NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee met in an evening session (7 p. m.) to hear various witnesses in opposition to the nomination of Edward Allen Tamm, to be a judge of the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-one public bills, H. R. 5489-5509; nine private bills, H. R. 5510-5518; and five resolutions, H. Res. 476-479 and H. J. Res. 333, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. Res. 461, creating a special committee to investigate the elections of members of the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 1410);

H. R. 5112, amending Civil Service Retirement Act, relative to Members of Congress who leave their office to serve in the U. S. armed forces (H. Rept. 1411);

H. R. 5315, ratifying administrative promotions of certain employees on military furlough from the field postal service (H. Rept. 1412);

Four bills to amend the Tariff Act of 1930-

H. R. 4739, to provide for the free importation of exposed X-ray film (H. Rept. 1413),

H. R. 4938, relating to platinum foxes and platinum

fox furs (H. Rept. 1414),

H. R. 5275, to provide for free importation of limestone to be used in the manufacture of fertilizer (H. Rept. 1415), and

H. R. 5328, relating to logs, pulpwood, and firewood

(H. Rept. 1416); and

H. J. Res. 332, extending authority of Maritime Commission to operate, charter, and sell Government-owned vessels until March 1, 1949 (H. Rept. 1417).

Pages 1567-1568

Farewell Address: Heard Representative Flannagan read Washington's Farewell Address to the People of the United States.

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Subpenas: Adopted H. Res. 477, permitting certain Representatives to comply with subpenas to appear as witnesses in Federal District Court of the District of Columbia.

Pages 1557-1559

Presidential Messages: Received second annual report on the activities of the United Nations and the U. S. participation therein covering calendar year 1947. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and printed as House Document 548; and

Heard President's recommendations for five-point legislative program authorizing extension of rent control and providing for emergency financial aids for housing construction. Referred to Committee on Banking and Currency and printed as House Document 547.

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Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Heselton, on reductions of fuel-oil exports; Mr. Lane, on the Palestine question and the United Nations; and Mr. Rankin, on Gallinger Hospital, District of Columbia.

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Committee Meetings

WACS-WAVES-OIL

Committee on Armed Services: Organization Subcommittee met on S. 1641, making the WACS, WAVES, and Women Marines permanent parts of the armed services, and heard Leslie C. Perry, representing National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Lt. Gen. Willard S. Paul; Brig. Gen. George E. Armstrong; and Col. Mary A. Hallaren, Director of the WAC.

Special Subcommittee on Oil met on synthetic fuel, and received the testimony of P. C. Keith, president of Hydrocol, Inc., of New York; and Dr. W. C. Schroeder, Chief of Synthetic Fuels, Department of the Interior.

D. C. OPTOMETRY

Committee on the District of Columbia: February 21, Subcommittee on Health, Education, and Recreation (Public Welfare) met on H. R. 5241, regulating the practice of optometry in the District of Columbia, and heard various representatives of the optometrists and businesses employing optometrists.

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns Subcommittee on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute continued public hearings and received testimony from William L. Hutcheson, general president of International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. Hearing continues tomorrow.

MARITIME COMMISSION

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Met in executive session and voted to report favorably to the House, H. J. Res. 332, extending until March 1, 1949, the authority of the Maritime Commission to operate, charter, and sell Government-owned vessels.

CCC—ELECTION INVESTIGATION

Committee on Rules: Heard Chairman Hope of the Committee on Agriculture who favored H. Res. 184, which would give jurisdiction over the Commodity Credit Corporation to the Committee on Agriculture. Chairman Wolcott and Representatives Spence and Brown of Georgia of the Committee on Banking and Currency opposed the resolution. The resolution was laid on the table.

In executive session, the committee ordered reported H. Res. 461, creating a special committee to investigate the election of Members of the House of Representatives.

Joint Committee Meetings

TIDELANDS

Joint Meeting: The subcommittees of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees met jointly to receive testimony on S. 1988 and similar bills, to quiet State titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams. The following witnesses appeared in support of such legislation: Gov. Millard F. Caldwell, Florida; Gov. J. Strom Thurmond, South Carolina; Gov. William M. Tuck, Virginia; Gov. Frank Carlson, Kansas; Gov. Earl Warren, California; Price Daniel, Attorney General for Texas; Walter Johnson, Attorney General for Nebraska; D. Hale Brake, State Treasurer of Michigan; and Russell E. Watson, representing the Governor of New Jersey. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Tuesday, February 24, 1948

Senate passed rent control extension.

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House passed bills on rent control, export control, tariff, and Maritime extension, and adopted conference report on civil service retirement.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 1569-1573

Bills Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2207 to S. 2213; and S. J. Res. 190.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1021, relative to payment to officers and members of the Fort Peck Business Committee (Fort Peck Tribe), with amendments, (S. Rep. 901);

H. R. 4141, to amend the National Service Life Insurance Act by extending for 2 years the time within which eligible persons may apply for gratuitous insurance benefits (S. Rept. 902);

S. 1620, establishing eligibility for burial in national cemeteries (S. Rept. 903);

H. R. 2159, to authorize sewage-disposal system to serve Yorktown area of Colonial National Historical Park (S. Rept. 904);

H. R. 2453, to provide for research laboratory in North Dakota lignite consuming region, amended (S. Rept. 905);

H. R. 4023, authorizing establishment of De Soto National Memorial in Florida, with amendment (S. Rept. 906);

H. J. Res. 61, to provide for designation of the Park River Dam and Reservoir project in North Dakota (S. Rept. 907); and

S. Res. 202, increasing limit of expenditures by \$25,000 for Finance Committee for investigation of social security program (no written report), and referred to Committee on Rules and Administration.

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National Defense Investigation: Permission was granted to the Special Committee To Investigate the National Defense Program for 30-day extension of time for filing reports.

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Maritime: House amendment to S. J. Res. 173, continuing to March 1, 1949, the authority of the Maritime Commission to sell, charter, and operate vessels, was agreed to, clearing the bill for the President's signature.

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Rent Control Extension: The Senate passed with amendments S. 2182, to extend rent control until April

30, 1949, and providing for termination of controls on maximum rents in areas and on housing accommodations where conditions justifying such controls no longer exist.

Before passing the bill, the following action was taken on amendments offered to it:

Adopted by voice vote an amendment by Senator McCarthy restricting certain amusement construction, as modified by amendment of Senator Johnson, that permit shall not be required for construction of recreation facility operated by schools or churches, or by private interests if made available for similar organizations; adopted by voice vote, Ives amendment eliminating provision which would exempt from control under the act, accommodations renting for \$225 or more; adopted by vote of 35 yeas to 29 nays the Millikin amendment to strike out the criminal penalty provision, thus eliminating section 206 (c); also adopted various perfecting amendments.

Defeated by division vote the Baldwin amendment removing from purview of act rented rooms in private homes; defeated by 25 yeas to 43 nays, McClellan amendment directing Rent Administrator to remove maximum rents when decontrol is recommended by local advisory board; rejected Cain amendment by 24 yeas to 45 nays, providing that on any voluntary lease signed before December 31, 1947, and terminated between January 1, 1948, and February 24, 1948, maximum rent shall not exceed 15 percent above maximum rent, otherwise in effect or in effect on February 24, 1948, whichever may be higher; defeated by 29 yeas to 37 nays, Sparkman amendment to authorize the Administrator to file suits for triple damages against violators; and rejected an amendment by Senator McCarthy to provide that the Administrator shall follow recommendations of local board in decontrol if boards are representative.

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Committee Meetings

RUBBER AND TIN

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee on Rubber and Tin opened hearings on S. 2187, providing for the maintenance of an adequate rubber-producing industry, and heard the following witnesses testify in favor of the bill: J. P. Seiberling, president, Seiberling Rubber Co.; William Welch, Mid-West Rubber Reclaimers; and Robert A. Winters, Association of Sole and Heel Manufacturers.

The following witnesses testified in support of the bill with suggested amendments: Representative Morton; A. L. Viles, president, Rubber Manufacturers Association, Inc.; Harvey Firestone, Jr., Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.; William O'Neil, president General Tire & Rubber Co.; Everett Morss, president, Simplex Wire & Cable Co.; Robert S. Wilson, executive vice president, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.; George M. Tisdale, vice president, United States Rubber Co.; and Ward Keener, B. F. Goodrich Co. Full committee meets tomorrow on RFC extension.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: In executive session, the committee reported favorably the nomination of John C. Wiley, Indiana, to be Ambassador to Iran; Henry F. Grady, California, now Ambassador to India, to serve concurrently as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Nepal; Monnett B. Davis, Colorado, to be Ambassador to Panama; Richard P. Butrick, New York, to be Minister to Iceland; Coert du Bois, California, to be representative of the U. S. on the Good Offices Commission of Security Council of the UN on Indonesia, together with 10 routine Foreign Service nominations.

INDIANS-ALASKA

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: In hearings on S. J. Res. 162, to rescind orders of Secretary of the Interior establishing Indian reservations in the Territory of Alaska, and S. 2037, transferring to the Territorial government of Alaska the administration within such Territory of laws relating to Indians, the subcommittee heard the following witnesses testify in opposition: Assistant Secretary of Interior Warne; John H. Provinse, Assistant Commissioner of Bureau of Indian Affairs; Theodore H. Haas, chief counsel of Bureau of Indian Affairs; Willard W. Beatty, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Don C. Foster, General Superintendent of Alaska Native Service; and Dr. Robert Snavely,

Health Service—all of the Interior Department. Also testifying was Vilhjalmur Stefansson, an explorer, of New York.

DISTRICT COURT NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session, the subcommittee agreed to hold further hearings on the nomination of Edward Allen Tamm, to be a judge of the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia, on Tuesday, March 2.

In a night session on February 23, the subcommittee received testimony in opposition to the nomination from the following citizens of the District of Columbia: Hugh O'Bear, D. C. Bar Association; John Lewis Smith; Milton W. King; James C. Wilkes, chairman of the local Republican Committee; John H. Burnett; and Mrs. Marie Flynn Maddox.

DISTRICT JUSTICE NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee concluded hearings on the nomination of James M. Proctor, to be associate justice of Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony in support of the nomination from the following lawyers of the District of Columbia: Milton King, James A. Cobb, John L. Smith, Charles Murray, Leslie Garnett, Richard E. Welford, Roger Robb, John J. Sirica, and James C. Wilkes. Gordon D. Williamson, a citizen of the District, testified in opposition.

Subcommittee concluded hearings on the nomination of Harold M. Stephens, to be chief justice of Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony in support of the nomination from the following citizens of the District of Columbia: Milton King, John L. Smith, and Walter Tobriner; and testimony in opposition from Edwin J. Creel, a D. C. citizen.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES—MILITARY FURLOUGH

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Committee assigned S. 2181, to ratify the administration promotions of employees on military furlough from the field postal service, to a subcommittee for study, consisting of Senators Ecton, Thye, and Johnston.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-five public bills, H. R. 5519-5543; eight private bills, H. R. 5544-5551; and two resolutions, H. Res. 480 and H. J. Res. 334, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

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H. Res. 480, rule providing time for debate and consideration of amendments to H. R. 1186, to increase equipment maintenance of rural carriers (H. Rept. 1419);

Pages 1657-1658

H. R. 5524, appropriation bill for civil functions of Department of the Army in fiscal 1949 (H. Rept. 1420); and

H. R. 5525, urgent deficiency appropriation bill of 1948 (H. Rept. 1421).

Pages 1607-1608, 1616

Foreign Aid: Reported, considered, and agreed to H. Res. 476 (H. Rept. 1418), to continue the Select Committee on Foreign Aid until May 1, 1948. Page 1612

Maritime Commission: Passed S. J. Res. 173, amended to contain the version of a similar House joint resolution, extending the authority of the U. S. Maritime Commission to sell, charter, and operate vessels, regulate sale of vessels to foreigners, and waive compliance with vessel-inspection laws for vessels of American registry. The amended resolution, as sent back to the Senate for concurrence, would extend the authority until March 1, 1949.

Pages 1608–1609

Tariff: Passed four bills, from the Committee on Ways and Means, amending the Tariff Act of 1930, as follows—

X-ray Film: H. R. 4739, to permit free entry of exposed X-ray film.

Fox Fur: H. R. 4938, to provide dutiable status for platinum foxes and platinum fox fur.

Fertilizer: H. R. 5275, to permit free entry of crude or broken limestone which is to be used in manufacture of limestone fertilizer.

Firewood: H. R. 5328, to permit free entry of sawdust, bark, and other wood waste when ground or compressed for use as firewood.

Pages 1609-1612

Civil Service Retirement: Adopted the conference report on H. R. 4127, a bill designed to liberalize the annuities and benefits of the Civil Service Retirement Act of 1930.

Pages 1622-1633

Rules: Adopted H. Res. 471 and 472, rules providing time for debate and consideration of amendments to H. R. 5390, and 5391, respectively. Pages 1612, 1614-1616

Export Control: Passed H. R. 5391, to continue until March 31, 1948, the Second Decontrol Act, relating to export and rail-transportation controls and allocation of strategic materials in short supply.

Pages 1612-1614

Rent Control: Passed, by voice vote, H. R. 5390, extending the authority of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947 until March 1, 1948. Action on passage came immediately after a motion, offered by Mr. Rankin, to recommit the bill to the Committee on Banking and Currency had been defeated by a vote of 57 yeas to 306 nays.

Pages 1616–1622

Urgent Deficiency Bill: Passed by voice vote, H. R. 5525, urgent deficiency bill for 1948, supplying \$131,-

o15,385, to operate certain sections of the legislative and judicial branches, independent offices, District of Columbia, and Departments of Agriculture and Commerce for the balance of fiscal 1948. The amount furnished by this measure is \$231,516 below the estimated figure of the Budget Bureau.

Adopted an amendment, offered by Representatives Heselton and Coffin, prohibiting conversion to oil or natural and artificial gases of heating systems in Gov-

ernment-owned or rented buildings.

Rejected a motion to recommit the bill, offered by Mr. Rankin, to instruct the Committee on Appropriations to add a new section furnishing \$300,000,000 for Rural Electrification Administration. The vote against recommittal was 151 yeas to 181 nays.

Pages 1633-1641

Special Orders: Under special orders the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Merrow, on national aircraft industry; Mr. Heselton, on fuel-oil situation; and Mr. Landis, on public-school teacher shortage.

Pages 1645–1657

Committee Meetings

MILITARY

Committee on Armed Services: Met in executive session and agreed to report the following bills favorably to the House:

S. 1802, authorizing presentation of medal of honor to unknown soldier of World War II.

S. 703, authorizing Army regiments to carry Civil War battle streamers with regimental colors.

H. R. 4090, equalizing retirement pay for nurses. Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, director of Central Intelligence Agency, discussed the operations of his Agency in executive session.

SECOND DECONTROL ACT OF 1947

Committee on Banking and Currency: Conducted an open hearing on the extension of the Second Decontrol Act and heard William C. Foster, Undersecretary of Commerce, who testified as to the need for these powers and said they were necessary due to the devastation of the war and in many cases they are directly related to world food problems which probably will not be solved in the near future. Hearing continues tomorrow.

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns subcommittee continued hearings on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute and heard further testimony from William L. Hutcheson, general president of International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. The committee also heard Lawrence Lindilof, president of the Painters International Union; William Doherty, vice

president of the American Federation of Labor; and Richard Walsh, president, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees. Hearing continues tomorrow.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met on foreign policy for postwar recovery program and heard Henry A. Wallace and Allan W. Dulles, chairman of Council of Foreign Relations. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PENDING BILLS—FUEL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Conducted a public hearing for sponsors of bills pending before committee and heard:

Mr. Engle on H. R. 5286, amending Federal Airport Act.

Mr. Poulson on H. R. 5412, relating to the transportation of psittacine birds.

Mr. Van Zandt on H. R. 5000, increasing all benefits under Railroad Retirement Act.

Mr. Heselton on H. R. 5392, creating National Petroleum Commission.

Following the above meeting, the committee conducted an open hearing on the fuel investigation and heard John Harper, chairman, Harper Oil Co., Inc., Long Island, N. Y.; John W. White, Hewitt Oil Co., Charleston, S. C.; and Grover Dale, Pennsylvania Petrol Association, Harrisburg, Pa.

ALASKA—STRATEGIC MINERALS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions met and started reading for amendments the bill, H. R. 206, statehood for Alaska. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Subcommittee on Mines and Mining continued study of critical and strategic minerals and metals (manganese) and heard O. C. Ralston, Chief of Metallurgical Division; Lowell Moon, Chief of Mining Division; and P. M. Ambrose, Chief of College Park Branch of the Metallurgical Division, all of the Bureau of Mines.

RURAL CARRIERS—FOREIGN AID

Committee on Rules: Heard Chairman Rees and Representative Cole of Missouri, of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, who favored a resolution providing consideration for H. R. 1186, a bill to increase the equipment maintenance of rural carriers 1 cent a mile for a period of 12 months. A resolution providing 1 hour of general debate was ordered reported.

In executive session the committee ordered reported to the House H. Res. 476, extending the time for final report of the Select Committee on Foreign Aid until May 1, 1948.

VETERANS' INSURANCE

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Insurance met in executive session.

TRADE STATISTICS

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session and ordered reported with amendments H. R. 3229, repealing act of 1902 relative to procurement of statistics of trade between the United States and its noncontiguous territories. Meeting continues tomorrow.

EXPORT CONTROLS

Select Committee on Small Business: Met on application of price criteria to export controls and heard Thomas C. Blaisdell, Jr., Director, Office of International Trade. Various exporters also appeared and discussed difficulties of operation under present law. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

TIDELANDS

Joint Meeting: The subcommittees of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees continued hearings on S. 1988 and similar bills, to quiet State titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, and received further testimony in support of the legislation from: Nathan Goldstein, attorney general for New York, presented by Senator Ives; B. A. Hardy, chairman, State Mineral Board of Louisiana; Gov. Beauford H. Jester, Texas; Frank O. Sether, assistant commissioner of public lands for the State of Washington; Hugh S. Jenkins, attorney general for Ohio; Guy E. Williams, attorney general for Arkansas; and Fred Houser, attorney general for California. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Maj. General L. R. Groves, retiring head of the Armed Service Special Weapons Projects, and a member of the Military Liaison Committee, met in executive session with the committee to give a general over-all review of history and development of atomic energy and a discussion of possible future plans.

Wednesday, February 25, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate cleared bills for President on temporary extension of rent control and of decontrol, and passed 14 unobjected-to bills.

President's Reorganization Plan No. 1 disapproved by House.

Many nominations were approved by the Senate and Senate Committees.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 1659-1668

Bills Introduced: Twelve bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2214 to S. 2225; S. Con. Res. 43, S. Con. Res. 44; and S. J. Res. 191, S. J. Res. 192.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

The following private bills: S 1164, 1263, 1654, H. R. 1131, 1298, 2012, 2373, 2374, 4331, 4541, 4570, S. 69, 148, 576, 1588, 1875, H. R. 697, 1654, and 1864 (S. Repts. 908–918, and 920–927);

H. R. 4838, extending until December 31, 1948, the validity period of the act to facilitate admission into the U. S. of alien fiancés or fiancées of members of the U. S.

armed forces (S. Rept. 919);

H. R. 3175, to add lands to the Shasta National

Forest (S. Rept. 928);

H. R. 3936, authorizing U. S. park police to make arrests within Federal reservations in D. C. (S. Rept. 929);

H. R. 3973, relating to compensation of commissioners

of Alaska (S. Rept. 930);

H. R. 4980, relating to acquisition by U. S. of Stateowned lands within the Glacier National Park (S. Rept.

S. 1468, \$50 to each member of the Mescalero Apache

Indian tribe (S. Rept. 932);

H. R. 2502, to provide \$5,000 for the general welfare

of the Klamath Indians (S. Rept. 933).

S. Res. 203, to allow one month extension of time for filing report on RFC inquiry from March 1, 1948, to April 1, 1948 (no written report).

Pages 1659-1660

Bills Referred: Six House-passed bills, passed on February 24, were referred to appropriate committees.

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Presidential Message: Received Thirty-third Annual Report of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics for fiscal year ended June 30, 1947, referred to Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Pages 1659, 1706

Temporary Rent Control Extension: H. R. 5390, extending authority of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947 until March 1, 1948, was passed and cleared for the White House.

Immigration: House amendments to S. 521 and S. 316, private immigration bills, were concurred in, thus clearing the bills for the White House.

Pages 1661–1662

Resolutions Passed: S. Con. Res. 43, authorizing certain corrections to be made in enrollment of S. J. Res. 173, continuing to March 1, 1949, the authority of the Maritime Commission to sell, charter, and operate vessels, and S. Res. 203, extending time to April 1, 1948, to file report on RFC inquiry under S. Res. 132, were passed.

Pages 1660, 1661

Bills Passed: On Call of the Calendar, 14 unobjectedto bills were passed as follows:

D. C. Property: S. 1125, relating to D. C. property exemption, with amendments;

Narcotics Bureau: S. 1089, to extend optional retirement rights to employees of Bureau of Narcotics;

Library Demonstration: S. 48, to provide for the demonstration of Public Library Service;

National Archives: H. R. 1350, to amend the act to establish a National Archives of the U. S. Government;

Foot and Mouth Disease: S. 2038, to conduct research on foot-and-mouth disease, with amendment;

Retirement—Admirals and Generals: S. 2123, to exempt five-star generals and five-star admirals from retirement because of age;

Transportation: S. 1525, to provide transportation for certain Government and other personnel, with amendments;

Longevity Credit: S. 1790, to authorize longevity credit for service under 18 years of age, with amendment;

Fort Peck Tribe: S. 1021, relative to payment to officers and members of the Fort Peck Business Committee (Fort Peck Tribe), with amendments;

Veterans Insurance: H. R. 4141, to amend the National Service Life Insurance Act by extending for 2

years the time within which eligible persons may apply for gratuitous insurance benefits;

National Cemeteries: S. 1620, establishing eligibility

for burial in national cemeteries;

De Soto Memorial: H. R. 4023, authorizing establishment of De Soto National Memorial in Florida, with amendment;

Sewage Disposal: H. R. 2159, to authorize sewagedisposal system to serve Yorktown area of Colonial National Historical Park; and

Park River Dam: H. J. Res. 61, to provide for designation of the Park River Dam and Reservoir project in North Dakota.

S. 1372, Indians, and S. Res. 144, D. C. police and law enforcement, were indefinitely postponed.

Of the bills passed above, the following were cleared for the White House: H. R. 1350, H. R. 4141, H. R. 2159, and H. J. Res. 61.

Pages 1682-1693

Decontrol Act Extension: Passed with amendment, H. R. 5391, to continue until May 31, 1948, the Second Decontrol Act, relating to export and rail-transportation controls and allocation of strategic materials in short supply.

Pages 1686–1687

Funds for Committee on Expenditures: Senate considered and defeated, by voice vote, motion by Senator Lucas to reconsider S. Res. 189, to give the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments an additional \$125,000 for investigational purposes, after briefly debating and temporarily putting aside further consideration of the pending business S. J. Res. 111, St. Lawrence Seaway.

Pages 1668-1682

Grain Allocations: S. J. Res. 186, to extend grain-allocation controls to October 31, 1948, was considered but a final vote on passage was not reached. Senate will continue on this tomorrow.

Pages 1688-1689, 1693, 1694-1698

Confirmations: The following nominations were confirmed: George V. Allen, North Carolina, as Assistant Secretary of State; Coert du Bois, California, to be representative of the U.S. on the Good Offices Commission of Security Council of the UN on Indonesia; Richard P. Butrick, New York, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Iceland; John C. Wiley, Indiana, Ambassador to Iran; Henry F. Grady, California, now Ambassador to India, to serve concurrently as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Nepal; Leonard A. Scheele, Michigan, to be Surgeon General; together with 10 routine Diplomatic and Foreign Service nominations, I collector of internal revenue, 6 collectors of customs, and 35 routine U.S. Public Health Service nominations. Pages 1699-1700

Committee Meetings

GENERALS AND AVIATION CADETS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee heard officials of the Departments of the Navy and Army testify in support of S. 1599, to prescribe pay and allowances of aviation cadets in the Air Corps and Regular Army, and H. R. 2993, to authorize appointment of certain additional permanent major generals and brigadier generals in the Regular Army.

RFC EXTENSION AND NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee approved S. Res. 203, to allow 1 month extension of time for filing report on RFC inquiry, from March 1, 1948, to April 1, 1948.

The following nominations to be members of the Board of Directors of the RFC were ordered reported favorably: John D. Goodloe, Harley Hise, Henry T. Bodman, Harvey Jones Gunderson, and Henry A. Mulligan.

Committee also approved for reporting favorably the nominations of J. Alston Adams, and William K. Divers, to be members of the Home Loan Bank Board.

LEGISLATIVE REORGANIZATION

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Committee concluded hearings on the evaluation of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946. In today's session Senator Millikin appeared to discuss the legislative budget under the act to date; Senator Pepper proposed that the committee consider broadcasting and televising congressional proceedings and hearings as proposed in his bill S. 2213; and Lewis G. Hines, national legislative representative of AFL, devoted his attention to the lobbying section of the act proposing that all duly registered lobbyists be given identification cards and special consideration to attend hearings.

INDIANS-ALASKA

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. J. Res. 162, to rescind orders of Secretary of the Interior establishing Indian reservations in the Territory of Alaska, and S. 2037, transferring to the Territorial government of Alaska the administration within such Territory of laws relating to Indians, receiving further testimony in opposition to the legislation from Don C. Foster, General Superintendent of Alaska Native Service; James E. Curry, representing Alaskan Indians; Isaac C. Sutton, vice president and attorney for the Indian Rights Association; and Miss Farika Martin, writer of Alaskan history. Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS AND PRIVATE CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session committee ordered reported favorably the nominations of H. Graham Morison, Virginia, to be Assistant Attorney General; Harold M. Stephens, Utah, Chief Justice of U. S. Court of Appeals for D. C.; James M. Proctor, D. C., Associate Justice of U. S. Court of Appeals for D. C.; together with two U. S. Attorneys (Frank E. Flynn, Arizona, and Ruppert Hugo Newcomb, Mississippi), and a U. S. Marshal (Benjamin F. Ellis, Alabama).

The committee also ordered reported 18 private claims bills and 12 private immigration bills. The private claims follow: S. 576, S. 1164, S. 1263, S. 1588, H. R. 1654, H. R. 1864, H. R. 2373, H. R. 2374, S. 1654, H. R. 1131, H. R. 2012, S. 1875, H. R. 4331, H. R. 697, H. R. 4541, H. R. 4570, S. 69, with amendment, and S. 148, with amendment.

The private immigration bills follow: S. 188, S. 675, H. R. 621, S. 1046, S. 1142, S. 1742, H. R. 1139, H. R. 1298, H. R. 1929, S. 969, with amendment, S. 1331, with amendment, and S. 1550, with amendment.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eighteen public bills, H. R. 5552-5569; six private bills, H. R. 5570-5575; and one resolution, H. Res. 481, were introduced.

Pages 1722-1723

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Conference report to accompany S. 1796, to provide for preservation of the frigate *Constellation* and authorize disposition of certain replaced parts as souvenirs (H. Rept. 1422);

S. 703, to authorize carrying of Civil War battle streamers with regimental colors (H. Rept. 1423); and

S. 1802, to authorize Presidential award of Medal of Honor to unknown American killed in action in World War II (H. Rept. 1424). Pages 1702, 1722

Bill Referred: S. 2182, extending rent control to April 30, 1949, was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

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Presidential Message: Received Thirty-third annual report of National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which was referred to the Committees on Armed Services and Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

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Maritime Commission: Adopted S. Con. Res. 43, making correction in title for enrolled version of S. J. Res. 173, extending authority of Maritime Commission.

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Reorganization Plan No. 1: Adopted, by voice vote, H. Con. Res. 131, resolution expressing disapproval of Reorganization Plan No. 1, transmitted to the Congress by the President. The purpose of the plan would transfer the U. S. Employment Service and the Bureau of Employment Security to the Department of Labor, with the functions of the Federal Security Administrator, in both cases, being transferred to the Secretary of Labor.

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Committee Meetings

DISABILITY RETIREMENT—WACS-WAVES— SYNTHETIC FUELS

Committee on Armed Services: Legal Subcommittee continued disability retirement investigation and heard Col. John Oliver and Col. C. M. Boyar, both of the Reserve Officers' Association, and Representative Willis W. Bradley, captain, USN (retired), of California.

Organization Subcommittee met on S. 1641, making the WACS, WAVES, and Women Marines permanent parts of the armed services, and heard Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul, Department of the Army, and Col. Mary A. Hallaren, Director of WAC.

Special Subcommittee on Oil met on synthetic fuel and received the testimony of Dr. E. V. Murphree, president, Standard Oil Development Co., New York City; and Col. G. H. Vogel, executive officer, Army-Navy Petroleum Board.

SECOND DECONTROL ACT OF 1947

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met on Second Decontrol Act legislation and heard H. B. McCoy, director, Office of Materials Distribution, Department of Commerce, and C. Tyler Wood, Deputy to Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, both of whom urged continuation of authority of allocation and priority powers.

D. C. DRIVING PERMITS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Public Service—Streets and Traffic met in executive session and ordered reported to full committee H. R. 4572, providing regulations regarding the issuance of learners' driving permits.

The subcommittee announced today that upon the facts heretofore presented, no present action seems required with reference to the case involving Fire Chief Murphy.

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns Subcommittee continued hearings on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute and received testimony of Matthew M. Levy, special counsel of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met on foreign policy for postwar recovery program and heard Ray Baldwin, E. T. Weir of the Weirton Steel Corp., and Representatives Smith of Ohio, Miller of Connecticut, and Murray of Wisconsin.

SALE OF FEDERAL BARGE LINES

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met on H. R. 4021, H. R. 5318, and H. R. 5476, bills authorizing sale of Federal barge lines, and heard William C. Foster, Under Secretary, Department of Commerce; Chester C. Thompson, president, American Waterways Operators, Inc.; J. M. Hood, president, American Shortline Railroad Association, Washington, D. C.; Hoyt Haddock, CIO Maritime Commission; and Representative Ploeser. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PATENTS-ANTILYNCH

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Claims met in executive session and agreed to report favorably to the full committee, 17 private claims bills.

Subcommittee No. 4 considered and agreed to report favorably to the full committee, with amendments, H. R. 3488, an antilynching bill.

Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-marks, and Copyrights met and heard the following witnesses in support of H. R. 3929, to amend the patent laws so as to protect the United States in certain instances:

Capt. G. N. Robillard, patent counsel for the Navy Department.

Col. George W. Gardes, Patents Division, Judge Advocate General's Office, Department of the Army.

Roy C. Hackley, Jr., chief of Patents Section, Department of Justice.

The hearing will be continued on March 1.

FEDERAL PAY RAISE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met on Federal employees' pay-raise legislation and heard William Dougherty, president, National Association of Letter Carriers; William C. Armbrust, president, United National Association of Post Office Clerks; Andrew T. Walker, president, Branch No. 1, United National Association of Postal Clerks of New York; E. C. Hallbeck, legislative representative, National Federation of Post Office Clerks; Mrs. Hermann Lowe, president, Women's Auxiliary, National Federation of Post Office Clerks; and Thomas Walters, operations director, Gov-

ernment Employees' Council. In addition to the above witnesses the committee also heard 15 Members of Congress.

ALASKA-STRATEGIC MINERALS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions met and completed the reading of H. R. 206, statehood for Alaska, for amendments and heard Howard Hopkins, assistant chief, Lands Division, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Jacob Wasserman, counsel, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior, both of whom discussed public lands in Alaska. Subcommittee adjourned, subject to call of Chair.

Subcommittee on Mines and Mining continued their study of critical and strategic minerals and metals, particularly discussion of question of manganese deposits from a geological standpoint, and heard W. E. Wrather, A. G. Lasky, W. D. Johnson, G. A. Hendricks, and O. N. Rove, all Directors of the U. S. Geological Survey.

ROADS-STEEL

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads met in executive session.

Macy Subcommittee To Investigate Questionable Trade Practices met in executive session and heard David Wolford of the Progressive Steel Co., of New York, who discussed gray market operations in steel.

CAMP WHITE, OREG.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Hospitals met on H. R. 2971, authorizing the Veterans' Administration to acquire Camp White Hospital at Medford, Oreg., as a facility for domiciliary care and heard Dr. H. A. Press, Budget Officer, Medical Department, Veterans' Administration, and Representatives Ellsworth, Angell, and Stockman, all of Oregon. Hearing continues tomorrow.

TAXES

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session and voted to report favorably to the House, H. R. 5448, to exclude from gross income, income derived by nonresident aliens from operations of aircraft or for registry upon reciprocal treatment of American taxpayers.

EXPORT CONTROLS

Select Committee on Small Business: Met on application of price criteria to export controls and heard further testimony from Thomas C. Blaisdell, Jr., director, Office of International Trade. The following witnesses also appeared and testified generally in opposition to the present method of issuing export licenses:

Fred M. Smith, of the Charles Williams & Associates

of New York;

L. W. Byrne, of the Port of New York Authority;

A. B. Sparboe, representing the Pillsbury Mills, Inc.; and

Walter Page, of the Midland Cooperative Dairy Association, New York.

Joint Committee Meetings

TIDELANDS

Joint Meeting: The subcommittees of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees continued hearings on S. 1988 and similar bills, to quiet State titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, hearing the following witnesses testify in support of the legislation: Fred Howser, attorney general for California; Ernest R. D'Amours, attorney general for New Hampshire; William L. Hadden, attorney general for Connecticut;

Nicholas F. Rago, deputy attorney general for Connecticut; Maurice M. Moule, attorney general for Michigan; and Manley O. Hudson, professor of international law, testifying in behalf of the State of Texas. Hearings continue tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D101)

H. R. 1366, to facilitate procurement of supplies and services by the War and Navy Departments. Signed February 19, 1948 (Public Law 413).

H. R. 1634, to effect standards for D. C. life-insurance regulations, relating to use of mortality tables. Signed February 19, 1948 (Public Law 414).

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed bills on grain allocation and railroad reorganization, and cleared civil service retirement bill for President.

House passed Army civil functions appropriations bill for 1949.

Urgent deficiency appropriations approved by Senate group, and a subcommittee on investigations was appointed by Senate committee.

Senate

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Bills Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2226 to S. 2231; and S. J. Res. 193; S. Res. 205.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2081, to extend provisions of Federal Airport Act to the Virgin Islands, with amendments (S. Rept. 934).

S. 2202, to provide \$5.3 billions for a 12-month period, and additional authorization through June 30, 1952, as Congress may provide, for European recovery program (S. Rept. 935).

H. R. 5525, making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies in certain appropriations for fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, with amendments (S. Rept. 936).

S. 984, to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, or ancestry, without amendment (no written report). Page 1724

Resolution Referred: One House-passed resolution, passed on February 25, was referred to appropriate committee.

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Civil Service Retirement: Conference report (H. Rept. 1370) on H. R. 4127, to liberalize annuities and benefits for Federal' employees, was adopted, clearing the bill for the President's signature.

Pages 1734-1747

National Cemeteries: S. 1620, establishing eligibility for burial in national cemeteries, was reconsidered and repassed, with clarifying amendments.

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Grain Allocation: Senate considered and passed by voice vote S. J. Res. 186, to extend grain allocation controls to October 31, 1948, after adopting the following amendments: Senator Cooper's amendment, providing an allocation formula rather than leaving it to the discretion of the Department of Agriculture, by 54 yeas to 16 nays; and Senator Saltonstall's amendment to give the Secretary of Agriculture the authority in the bill to allow transfer of allotment from one plant to another in hardship cases, by voice vote.

Senator Kilgore's amendment, to make January 31, 1949, the expiration date of the bill, was rejected by voice vote.

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Railroad Reorganization: H. R. 2298, Railroad Reorganization Act providing a procedure whereby the ICC

may approve action by railroads not in bankruptcy to alter or modify their debt obligations, was passed with amendment by voice vote.

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Bills Re-referred: S. 2200, college education for persons whose parents' death resulted from service in armed forces, and S. 2209, private bill, were discharged from Labor and Public Welfare Committee and referred to the Finance Committee.

Atomic Energy: S. 1004, atomic energy loyalty test bill, was made the unfinished business to be brought up after disposition of S. J. Res. 111, St. Lawrence Seaway.

Pages 1766-1767

Disposition of Executive Papers: Various executive documents were submitted to the Joint Select Committee on Disposition of Papers in the Executive Departments, and Senators Langer and Chavez were appointed to this committee on the part of the Senate.

Confirmations: The following nominations were confirmed: H. Graham Morison, Virginia, to be Assistant Attorney General; J. Alston Adams, New Jersey, and William K. Divers, Ohio, to be members of the Home Loan Bank Board, along with three other civilian nominations.

Committee Meetings

URGENT DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: In executive session the committee reported H. R. 5525, providing urgent deficiency appropriations for fiscal year 1948. As approved, the bill would appropriate a total of \$137,339,385. As passed by the House, it provided for \$131,015,385. Budget estimates total \$131,546,901. The Senate committee added to the House-approved version \$6,346,000, but decreased House-approved amounts by \$22,000. The largest increase was \$6 million for the school-lunch program.

Before approving the bill, the subcommittee held hearings on it and received testimony from Senate Sergeant at Arms McGinnis; Colonel Johnson, Defense Transportation; officials of the Maritime Commission and of the Agriculture Department.

ARMED SERVICES AND AVIATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee held hearings on S. 295, relative to detailing of Army personnel as students, observers, or investigators at educational institutions, etc., and requiring 4 years of service after such instruction, and S. 1216, relative to status of enlisted personnel designated as aviation pilots or engaged in training leading to such designation, and heard officials of the Army, Navy, and Air Force testify in support of the bills.

D. C. REDEVELOPMENT LAND AGENCY

Committee on the District of Columbia: Committee approved for reporting favorably the nomination of Richard R. Atkinson, to be a member of the Redevelopment Land Agency for D. C., after testimony in support of the nomination had been given to the subcommittee by John Russell Young, D. C. Commissioner; and Mark Lansburgh and Charles Robinson, both members of the Redevelopment Land Agency of D. C.

INVESTIGATIONS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: In pursuance of authority given by the committee in executive session, Senator Aiken, chairman, appointed the following Senators as a subcommittee to make investigations in pursuance of S. Res. 189, providing the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments with \$125,000, plus unexpended balances under S. Res. 75 (approximately \$44,000) for investigational purposes: Senators Ferguson, chairman, Ives, Bricker, Thye, McClellan, O'Conor, and Hoey.

CHINA AID

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in executive session with Secretary of State Marshall to discuss the China aid problem, but made no announcement of action taken. Committee meets again Saturday.

INDIANS—ALASKA

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. J. Res. 162, to rescind orders of Secretary of the Interior establishing Indian reservations in the Territory of Alaska, and S. 2037, transferring to the Territorial government of Alaska the administration within such Territory of laws relating to Indians, receiving further testimony in opposition to the bills from: Mrs. Ruth Muskrat Bronson, Secretary of the National Congress of American Indians; Felix Cohen, formerly solicitor for the Interior Department; and Theodore H. Haas, chief counsel of Bureau of Indian Affairs.

R. L. Jernberg, representing the Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of the legislation.

Hugh R. Brown, chief clerk of the committee, presented staff testimony concerning the questions at issue. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads held hearings on S. 1954, S. 2134, S. 2149, and S. 2150, to provide Federal aid for highways, and heard Senators Cordon and Morse testify in support of S. 2134 (Senator Cordon's bill). Bertram D. Tallamy, New York Department of Public Works, testified in support of the legislation generally, but requested more money and authorizations for a longer period of time. Hearings continue tomorrow.

EXPORTS

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Subcommittee on Exports held its initial meeting into the new policies issued since the first of the year by the Office of International Trade, Department of Commerce, receiving testimony from David

K. E. Bruce, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, officials of the Office of International Trade, and representatives of the export trade associations, and individual exporters.

The subcommittee held an afternoon session for round-table discussion, with the same witnesses participating.

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in 1949 (H. Rept. 1430).

Bills Introduced: Eighteen public bills, H. R. 5576-5593; thirteen private bills, H. R. 5594-5606; and four resolutions, H. Res. 482-485, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 5098, to conduct research on foot-and-mouth disease and other diseases of animals (H. Rept. 1425);

H. J. Res. 320, to issue special series of 3-cent stamps commemorating one-hundredth anniversary of creation of Territory of Minnesota (H. Rept. 1426);

Report by Postmaster General on use of penalty mail between July 1-September 30, 1947 (H. Rept. 1427);

Report on survey conducted by Committee on Post Office and Civil Service entitled "Federal Efficiency Rating System" (H. Rept. 1428);

H. R. 4000, to equalize retirement benefits among members of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps (H. Rept.

H. Res. 485, rule providing time for debate on S. Con. Res. 42, to establish ceiling on legislative expenditures

Bills Referred: Eight Senate-passed bills, passed on February 25, were referred to appropriate House committees.

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New Member: Watkins M. Abbitt was sworn in as Representative of the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia, to succeed the late Patrick H. Drewry.

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Veterans—Conferee: Mr. Wheeler was appointed to replace Mr. Allen of Louisiana as a House conferee on S. 1393, to raise ceilings on payments for veterans' on-job training program.

Civil Functions, Army: Passed, by voice vote, H. R. 5524, appropriation bill for the nonmilitary functions of the Department of the Army in fiscal year 1949. The amount of \$606,558,786, appropriated in this Army civil-function measure, supplies funds for cemeterial expenses and costs involved in returning the dead of World War II from overseas, the Alaska Communications Sys-

tem, river-and-harbor construction, floor-control projects; maintenance of the U. S. Soldiers' Home in Washington, D. C., and operational costs of the Panama Canal. As sent to the Senate, this bill is \$104,434,854 above the amount appropriated in 1948 for the same activities, but is \$131,042,889 below the amount recommended by the Budget Bureau for 1949.

No amendments to the bill were adopted, and a motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, offered by Mr. Mahon, was rejected.

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Export Controls: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 5391, to continue until May 31, 1948, the Second Decontrol Act of 1947, relating to control and allocation of strategic materials in short supply, thus clearing the bill for Presidential signature.

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Foreign Service, Relief: Disagreed to amendments of the Senate to H. R. 3726, relief for officers and employees of the Foreign Service for certain losses, agreed to conference asked, and appointed Representatives Eaton, Mundt, Jonkman, Bloom, and Kee, as conferees.

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Special Orders: Under special orders the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Heselton discussed fuel-oil situation; Mr. Canfield, concerning Mrs. Margaret Chase Smith, of Maine; and Mr. Dondero, on the Army publication, Stars and Stripes.

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Committee Meetings

FARM COOPERATIVES

Committee on Agriculture: Met on proposed legislation to permit banks for cooperatives to retire their Government-owned stocks and become entirely farmer owned and heard John Davis of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives and Fred V. Heinkel of the Missouri Farmers Association, both of whom appeared in support of the legislation. Hearing continues tomorrow.

DISABILITY RETIREMENT—SYNTHETIC FUEL

Committee on Armed Services: Legal Subcommittee continued disability-retirement investigation and heard testimony of officer patients from Walter Reed Hospital.

Special Subcommittee on Oil met on synthetic fuel and heard Dr. Eugene Ayers, director of research, Gulf Oil Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

SECOND DECONTROL ACT OF 1947

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met on Second Decontrol Act legislation and heard N. E. Dodd, Under Secretary of Agriculture, who stated that due to existing world situation the Department of Agriculture considers an extension of the present controls, with respect to fats and oils, rice and rice products, nitrogenous fertilizers, and tin and tin products, a necessity.

Col. Gerson K. Heiss, executive for the Assistant Secretary of the Army, also appeared and discussed the supply and demand for nitrogenous fertilizers in the occu-

pied areas.

D. C. SEX OFFENDERS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Health, Education, and Recreation (Public Welfare) met in executive session on H. R. 2937 and H. R. 5264, sex offenders bills.

LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION—HOLLYWOOD

Committee on Education and Labor: McCowen subcommittee met in executive session and ordered reported to full committee H. R. 2465, Public Library Service demonstration hill.

Kearns subcommittee on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute met and received further testimony from Matthew M. Levy, special counsel of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees; William L. Hutcheson, general president of International Brother-hood of Carpenters and Joiners of America; Pat Casey, formerly chairman of the labor committee for Motion Picture Producers Association; and Lawrence P. Lindilof, president of the Painters International Union.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met on foreign policy for postwar recovery program and heard Edwin B. George, Senator Capehart, and Representatives Keating, Kunkel, and Gwinn of New York.

SALE OF FEDERAL BARGE LINES

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met on H. R. 4021, H. R. 5318, and H. R. 5476, bills authorizing sale of Federal Barge Lines, and heard Representative Mundt, of South Dakota; Rene A. Stiegler, representing New Orleans Board of Trade, New Orleans, La.; Louis A. Schwartz, general manager, New Orleans Traffic and Transportation Bureau; Stuart B. Bradley, Illinois River Carriers Association, Chicago, Ill.; Julius H. Parmlee, vice president, Association of American Railroads; and Harold Benson, Sioux City, Iowa.

ANTILYNCHING

Committee on the Judiciary: Met in executive session and discussed H. R. 3488, the Case antilynching bill.

COAST GUARD BILLS

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Coast Guard met on various Coast Guard bills and after hearing Capt. Al C. Richmond, chief of Planning and Control Staff, U. S. Coast Guard, testify in support of the legislation, the subcommittee ordered the following two bills favorably reported to the full committee:

H. R. 4804, allowing service credit for certain Coast Guard men who served in Greenland.

H. R. 4817, amending Public Law No. 219 of the Eightieth Congress relative to Coast Guard personnel. Adjourned subject to call of chair.

CIVIL SERVICE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met in executive session and ordered reported to House, with amendments, S. 1486 (H. R. 967), providing restitution in the case of persons improperly removed from the Government service.

The committee also approved a preliminary report on the Federal efficiency rating system, and a report on the use of penalty mail.

MINING-IRRIGATION

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining met on a proposed amendment to include phosphate in S. 1006, which increases from 2,560 to 15,360 acres the amount of sodium lands leasable in any one State to any one lessee. The committee received testimony on this matter from H. Willis Tobler, American Farm Bureau Federation, and Jacob N. Wasserman, chief counsel, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation met on S. 1990, Provo River project, Utah, and H. R. 4954, authorizing construction of Kennewick division of Yakima project, Washington, and providing for sale of surplus electric energy therefrom.

Following testimony of Senator Watkins and Congressman Dawson, both of whom appeared in support of S. 1990, the subcommittee ordered the bill reported to the full committee.

Representative Holmes, author of H. R. 4954; Michael W. Straus, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; H. Nelson, assistant regional engineer, Bureau of Reclamation; George Tomlinson, Assistant Director of Branch of Project Planning, Bureau of Reclamation; Jay Perry and Forrest Gragg, both of Kennewick, Wash.; and J. W. Dixon, Director, Project Planning Branch, Bureau of Reclamation; were heard in favor of H. R. 4954. No action was taken by the subcommittee on this bill.

BLACK MARKET In the A sale men

Committee on Public Works: Macy Subcommittee to Investigate Questionable Trade Practices met on black market sales of farm machinery and heard J. C. Dixon of the J. C. Dixon Tractor & Implement Co., Oakville, Tenn.; James E. Woods, and B. G. Dickey, manager and president, respectively, of Peoples Mercantile & Implement Co., West Memphis, Ark.; all of whom discussed the black market in farm implements in Memphis and vicinity.

RULE—LEGISLATIVE BUDGET

Committee on Rules: Met and heard Representative Taber, who favored, and Representative Cannon, who opposed, a resolution providing consideration for S. Con. Res. 42, which establishes the ceiling for expenditures and appropriations for the fiscal year of 1948. A resolution providing 2 hours of general debate was ordered reported.

CAMP WHITE, OREG.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Hospitals met on H. R. 2971, authorizing the Veterans' Administration to acquire Camp White Hospital at Medford, Oreg., as a facility for domiciliary care, and heard further testimony from Dr. H. A. Press, Director of Hospitalization and Requirements Service, Veterans' Administration.

The committee also heard Col. George E. Ijams, director, Rehabilitation Service, VFW; Representatives Norblad and Ellsworth, both of Oregon; and Senator Morse of Oregon.

Joint Committee Meetings

TIDELANDS

Joint Meeting: The subcommittees of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees continued hearings on S. 1988 and similar bills, to quiet State titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, with the following witnesses testifying in support of the legislation: Dion R. Holm, for the city and county of San Francisco; Harry C. Brockel, Board of Harbor Commissioners of Milwaukee; Nels G. Johnson, attorney general for North Dakota; William F. Barry, solicitor general for Tennessee; H. Lawrence Hinkley, attorney general for Colorado; J. A. A. Burnquist, attorney general for Minnesota; Mac Q. Williamson, attorney general for Oklahoma; Sumpter Leitner, assistant attorney general for Florida; Cleon H. Foust, attorney general for Indiana; and Nathaniel B. Bidwell, special counsel for Massachusetts. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee met in executive session with Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, and Col. John G. Armstrong, but made no announcement of subject discussed.

VETERANS' SUBSISTENCE

Conferees met in executive session on S. 1393, to increase rate of allowance and compensation to veterans for training on the job, but failed to reach agreement. They continue tomorrow.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate rejected St. Lawrence Seaway, and passed urgent deficiency appropriation bill.

House adopted resolutions on 1949 legislative budget and social-security regulations.

Bills on RFC extension and anti-poll tax approved by the Senate committees.

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Routine Proceedings, pages 1815-1818

Bills Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2232 to S. 2237; and S. Res. 206.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

The following private bills: S. 188, S. 675, S. 969, S. 1046, S. 1142, S. 1331, S. 1550, S. 1742, H. R. 621, H. R. 1139, and H. R. 1929 (S. Repts. 937 to 947, inclusive);

S. Res. 206, authorizing the printing of 7,000 additional copies of the European recovery program report (no written report).

Private Bill: Senate receded from its amendment to H. R. 3726, private relief bill, clearing the bill for the White House.

Pages 1816–1817

Bill Referred: One House-passed bill, passed on February 26, was referred to appropriate committee.

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Urgent Deficiency Appropriation: Senate passed H. R. 5525, providing \$137,489,385 of urgent deficiency appropriations for fiscal year 1948, after adopting committee amendments and also an amendment by Senator Taft to provide \$950,000 instead of \$800,000 for salaries and expenses of Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. Senate asked for a conference and appointed as conferees Senators Bridges, Brooks, Gurney, Ball, McKellar, Hayden, and Russell.

Pages 1838–1839

St. Lawrence Seaway: After a few hours of debate, the Senate by a vote of 57 yeas to 30 nays adopted the Smith motion to recommit S. J. Res. III, providing for the self-liquidating of the St. Lawrence Seaway and approving certain provisions of an agreement on the same subject between the U. S. and Canada. This action, in effect, kills the bill.

Pages 1818–1858

Atomic Energy: Senate briefly debated S. 1004, atomic energy loyalty test bill.

Pages 1859–1869

Resolution Passed: S. Res. 206, authorizing the printing of 7,000 additional copies of the European recovery program report, was adopted.

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Nominations: Senate received a Collector of Customs nomination.

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Committee Meetings

NATIONAL SECURITY AND NURSE CORPS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee received testimony in support of S. 1561, to protect the national security of the U. S. by permitting the summary termination of employment of civilian officers and employees of the Departments of State, War, and Navy, and the Atomic Energy Commission, from the following witnesses: Mark Edwin Andrews, Assistant Secretary of Navy; Hamilton Robinson, Director, Division of Controls, Department of State; H. A. Onthank, Director of Civilian Personnel, War Department; Eugene M. Zuckert, Assistant Secretary, Department of Air Force; and Felix E. Larkin, special legal consultant, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Civil Service Commissioner Arthur Flemming stated that it was the opinion of the Commission that the bill went too far with reference to immediate dismissal, and recommended amendments; all the witnesses concurred in the suggestion. Accordingly, the bill will be redrafted.

Witnesses from the Army and Navy Nurse Corps testified in support of S. 1570, to equalize retirement benefits among members of the Nurse Corps of the Army and Navy. Subcommittee will consider the bill further.

RFC EXTENSION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee, in executive session, agreed to report a clean bill (bill not yet introduced) providing for the extension of the powers of the RFC to June 30, 1958. As approved, the bill would provide for reduction in the capital stock of the corporation from \$325 million to \$100 million, and loans made after June 30, 1947, would be limited to \$1 billion outstanding at any one time. An annual report to Congress would be required including data on all loans to any borrower in excess of \$100,000. The bill would also provide for pay-over to the Treasury as a dividend the amount of accumulated net income in excess of \$50 million. The terms of the present directors would be extended to June 30, 1950; thereafter the terms of directors would be staggered and two directors at that time would be appointed for 1 year, two for 2 years, and one for 3 years; thereafter, the terms would be 3 years. The Chairman would be designated by the President. Loans on all projects except those for public purposes should mature in not to exceed 10 years, with a proviso that loans made prior to July 1, 1947, may be extended for a period not in excess of 10 years; loans for public purposes not to exceed 40 years.

The committee decided against the recommendations of the subcommittee, determined on February 20, to increase salaries of members of the board of directors, and against the proposal by the subcommittee that public projects to be financed should be self-liquidating.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Relations With International Organizations met in executive session, but made no announcement of action taken.

INDIANS-ALASKA

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. J. Res. 162, to rescind orders of Secretary of the Interior establishing Indian reservations in the Territory of Alaska, and S. 2037, transferring to the Territorial government of Alaska the administration within such Territory of laws relating to Indians, with the following witnesses testifying in support of the legislation: F. E. Robertson, representing Juneau Chamber of Commerce; G. R. Jackson, president, Miners & Merchants Bank, Nome; Carl J. Lomen, Lomen Commercial Co., Nome; Lawson Turcotte, vice president and general manager, Puget Sound Pulp & Timber Co.,

Bellingham; and James K. Crowdy, president, Alaska

Miners Association, Nyac.

The following witnesses testified against the legislation: Andrew Dasburg, New Mexico Association on Indian Affairs, Taos, N. Mex.; and Charles Russell, Association on American Indian Affairs, Inc., New York City. Mrs. Marlietta Davis Chappell, a native Indian from Saxman, Alaska, also testified.

GREAT LAKES NAVIGATION-FCC

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Committee unanimously agreed to report H. R. 2293, amending the act to regulate navigation on the Great Lakes and tributaries, to insure greater safety for vessels and their crews, relating to range lights.

Committee also voted to inform the FCC that no final action should be taken in the pending clear-channel case until the committee has held hearings on S. 2231, to

limit power of radio broadcasting stations.

PRESIDENT'S REORGANIZATION PLAN NO. 1

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee opened hearings on President's Reorganization Plan No. 1, involving USES, and received testimony in support of the plan from the following witnesses: David A. Morse, Under Secretary of Labor; James E. Webb, Director, Bureau of the Budget; Robert C. Goodwin, Director, USES; Paul Sifton, representative, CIO; and Nelson Cruikshank, social security director for AFL.

R. Gordon Wagenet, Director, Bureau of Employment Security; Oscar A. Ewing, FSA Administrator; and Wilbur J. Cohen, Social Security, FSA, discussed their letter to the Bureau of the Budget proposing to return the USES to the FSA. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee heard the following witnesses discuss personnel and qualifications of officers and employees of the Office of Alien Property, in connection with S. Res. 41: David

L. Bazelon, Assistant Attorney General; Harold I. Boynton, department director, Thomas H. Creighton, Jr., Chief, Estates and Trusts Branch, and Henry D. Rogers, administrative officer—all of the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads continued hearings on S. 1954, S. 2134, S. 2149, and S. 2150, to provide Federal aid for highways, and heard Charles Upham, American Road Builders Association, favor a minimum of \$500 million for 3 years' authorization; H. Willis Tobler, American Farm Bureau, propose \$300 million authorization for 1 year with retention of present percentage for farm roads; and Earl Loveridge, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, support authorization for forest roads as recommended in the President's message. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ANTI-POLL TAX

Committee on Rules and Administration: Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections, in executive session, agreed unanimously to report to the full committee, without amendment, H. R. 29, anti-poll-tax bill.

GRAY MARKET STEEL

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Subcommittee on Steel investigated a definite gray market steel case involving steel moving out of a major steel-producing company into the gray market, receiving testimony from the following witnesses: N. J. Courtis, E. J. Fleming, Roy Smith, Steel City Welders, and W. D. Bass, Steel City Welders, all of Gary, Ind.; Leon Herman, assistant to president, and Thomas Lekich, director of purchases, both of Copco Steel & Engineering Co., Detroit; and representatives of Carnegie-Illinois Steel Co. Next meeting of the committee is at Kansas City.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-three public bills, H. R. 5607–5629; six private bills, H. R. 5630–5635; and one resolution, H. Con. Res. 152, were introduced.

Pages 1912-1913

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 3880, private claim bill (H. Rept. 1431);

H. R. 5310, to permit persons racially indigenous to Siam to be eligible for admission into this country (H. Rept. 1432);

H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce, and Judiciary appropriation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 1433);

H. R. 3730, for recovery by initial carrier of legal costs in cases of damage and injury incurred by joint-haul carriers (H. Rept. 1434);

H. R. 5448, extending reciprocal income-tax exemption to earnings of aircraft under foreign registry as now granted foreign-flag ships (H. Rept. 1435);

S. 1486, providing payment of compensation to employees improperly removed or suspended from Federal service (H. Rept. 1436).

Two reports from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce—

"United States Air Carriers Overseas Operations" (H.

Rept. 1437);

"Fuel Investigation—Petroleum and the European Recovery Program" (H. Rept. 1438); and

Conference report on H. R. 5525, urgent deficiency appropriation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 1439).

Pages 1892, 1912

Bills Referred: Two Senate-passed bills, passed on February 25, were referred to appropriate committees.

Page 1912

Legislative Budget: Adopted, by a vote of 315 yeas to 36 nays, S. Con. Res. 42, providing revenues received in fiscal 1949 will approximate \$47.3 billion, and that expenditures during the same period should not exceed \$37.2 billion, of which latter amount not more than \$26.6 billion would be in consequence of appropriations hereafter made available for obligation in that fiscal year. All action on this resolution is now completed.

A motion, offered by Mr. Cannon, to recommit the resolution to the Committee on Appropriations, to lower the expenditure ceiling to \$36.7 million, was rejected by

a vote of 72 yeas to 277 nays.

H. Res. 485, the rule making this resolution in order was adopted by the House, and H. Con. Res. 147, a companion measure, was ordered to lie on the table.

Pages 1875-1887

Caribbean Commission: Agreed to Senate amendment to H. J. Res. 231, providing U. S. participation in the Caribbean Commission, thus completing all legislative action.

Pages 1867–1868

Social Security: Adopted, by a vote of 274 yeas to 53 nays, H. J. Res. 296, a resolution maintaining that status quo of existing social-security regulations be determined by the Congress. H. Res. 458, the rule providing 2 hours' consideration of this resolution had previously been voted by the House.

Pages 1893-1909

Urgent Deficiency Bill: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 5525, urgent deficiency bill for 1949, agreed to conference asked, and appointed Representatives Taber, Wigglesworth, Engel (Mich.), Stefan, Case (S. Dak.), Keefe, Cannon, Kerr, and Mahon as conferees.

Special Orders: Under special orders, Representative Heselton addressed the membership on the subject of an embargo on petroleum exports.

Pages 1910-1911

Committee Meetings

FARM COOPERATIVES

Committee on Agriculture: Met on proposed legislation to permit banks for cooperatives to retire their Government-owned stock and become entirely farmer-owned, and heard Marion R. Garstang, counsel for the Na-

tional Cooperative Milk Producers Federation; Willis Tobler, American Farm Bureau Federation; Albert S. Goss, master, the National Grange; Russell Smith, National Farmers Union; and Ray F. Hendrickson, Washington representative, National Federation of Grain Cooperatives.

WACS-WAVES-DISABILITY RETIREMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Legal Subcommittee continued their public hearings on the disability retirement investigation and heard representatives from the Disabled American Veterans; and Disabled Emergency Officers.

Organization Subcommittee continued public hearings on S. 1641, making the WACS, WAVES, and women marines permanent parts of the armed services, and heard favorable testimony from Col. Mary Hallaren, Director of WAC; Lt. Gen. Willard Paul, Department of the Army; and Capt. Joy Hancock, Director of WAVES.

The committee today announced that Capt. H. S. Covington (Navy) and staff have moved to room 306, Old House Office Building. Their telephone extensions remain the same, that is extensions 1040 and 1311. In addition to his work as liaison officer for the Armed Services Committee, Captain Covington is handling all Navy liaison work for the Members of the House.

SECOND DECONTROL ACT OF 1947

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met on continuing certain features of the Second Decontrol Act of 1947, and heard Representative Heselton, in behalf of George W. Prentiss & Co., requesting amendments to the present act; Hans A. Eggerss also appeared and advocated discontinuance of controls on tin. Hearing continues on Monday.

D. C. HOSPITALS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Health, Education, and Recreation (Public Welfare) met on H. R. 5307, providing for the making of grants for hospital facilities and for other purposes, and heard supporting testimony from Allen Johnson, Federal Works Agency; Representative Norton; Dr. E. D. Drayton of Children's Hospital; Paul B. Cromelin, attorney of Sibley Hospital; and Dr. W. H. Baker, representing Hospital Committee.

The committee also heard Dr. Ruhland, Health Officer for the District of Columbia, who discussed the need of medical facilities, and Vernon West, Corporation Counsel, who recognized the need but opposed the legislation because of the cost.

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns subcommittee on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute continued their public hearings and heard George A. Mulkey, international representative for the International

Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Richard Walsh, president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees; Paul Hinst, a carpenter residing in Los Angeles; and Maurice Benjamin, attorney, representing the motion picture companies in Hollywood. Hearings continue Monday.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met on foreign policy for postwar recovery program and heard Representative Herter, chairman, along with other members of the Select Committee on Foreign Aid.

INTERSTATE ACTIONS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the House H. R. 3730, to amend the Interstate Commerce Act with respect to collection of damages from initial or delivering carrier.

The committee announced approval of a progress report on "Petroleum and the European Recovery Program," which was ordered to be filed.

The committee's report on "U. S. Air Carriers Overseas Operations" was also approved and ordered to be filed.

The committee also announced agreement to the Senate amendments to H. R. 2298, modification of railroad financial structures.

FEDERAL PAY RAISE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met on Federal employees' pay raise legislation and heard William Green, president, American Federation of Labor; Bernard Windquist, president, National Rural Letter Carriers Association; R. A. Rice, president, Railway Mail Association, AFL; and G. N. Higley, legislative chairman, Central Pennsylvania Postal Employees Council, Harrisburg, Pa., all of whom appeared in favor of the legislation.

STRATEGIC MINERALS—IRRIGATION

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining continued hearings on critical and strategic minerals and metals (manganese) and heard W. E. Wrather, Director; T. A. Hendricks, A. G. Lasky, and O. N. Rove, all of the Geological Survey.

Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation met on H. R. 4954, authorizing construction of Kennewick division of Yakima project, and H. R. 3194, amending Reclamation Act, and heard Jay Perry, F. R. Gragg, and Frank Lampson, all of Kennewick, Wash.; and J. G. Will, counsel, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, all of whom testified in favor of H. R. 4954, following which the subcommittee ordered the bill reported with amendment, to full committee.

Ronald B. Harris, attorney of Fresno, Calif., representing the Irrigation Districts Association of California, appeared and discussed H. R. 3194. No action was taken by the subcommittee on this bill.

PUBLIC WORKS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds met on various bills and ordered reported to the full committee, S. 1306, relating to the construction and disposition of the San Jacinto-San Vicente aqueduct, California.

VETERANS' FLIGHT TRAINING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Education, Training, and Rehabilitation, met on aviation flight-training courses under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, and heard Stanley Allen, Publicity Director, AMVETS; Frederick B. Lee, deputy administrator, Civil Aeronautics Administration; John C. Williamson, assistant director of legislation, VFW; and Hubert J. Van Kan, of Baltimore.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session on H. R. 4979, tax remission to Virgin Islands, and heard Senator Butler, who appeared in favor of the legislation with certain qualifying recommendations. No action was taken by the committee.

Joint Committee Meetings

TIDELANDS

Joint Meeting: The subcommittees of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees continued hearings on S. 1988 and similar bills, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, with the following witnesses testifying in support of the legislation: Nathaniel B. Bidwell, special counsel for Massachusetts; Oliver J. Carter, State senator of California; Reginald W. Jones, attorney for Oakland Port Authority; C. C. McCulloh, attorney general, New Mexico; John L. Madden, special assistant to the attorney general of Louisiana; Ira J. Partlow, attorney general for West Virginia; Albert W. James, attorney general for Delaware; Frank Jackson, Texas State Teachers College; Walter D. Van Riper, attorney general for New Jersey; Bascomb Giles, general land commissioner of Texas; John D. McCall, American Bar Association; and Hall Hammond, attorney general for Maryland. Hearings continue tomorrow.

CONSUMER PRICES

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: Western Subcommittee continued in executive session in its series of meetings on its report on consumer prices, which is to be made to the full committee and then to Congress in pursuance of S. Con. Res. 19.

VETERANS' SUBSISTENCE

Conferees continued in executive session on S. 1393, to increase rate of allowance and compensation to veterans for training on the job, but made no announcement of action taken. Adjourned until Wednesday, March 3.

URGENT DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION

Conferees held an evening session on H. R. 5525, urgent deficiency appropriations for fiscal year 1948.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D115)

H. R. 2029, to provide for free importation of synthetic rubber scrap. Signed February 25, 1948 (P. L. 415).

S. 1507, authorizing sale of undisposed-of lots in Michel addition to town of Polson, Mont. Signed February 25, 1048 (P. L. 416).

H. R. 3503, to permit issuance of unrestricted deeds, town sites, Alaska. Signed February 26, 1948 (P.L. 417).

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HIGHLIGHTS

Urgent deficiency appropriation bill cleared for President.

Senate opened debate on European recovery.

House passed 22 bills on Consent Calendar.

Displaced persons bill approved by Senate group.

See tables on Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 1913-1915

Bills Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows:

S. 2238 to S. 2241.

Page 1914

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 3742, private bill (S. Rept. 948).

Report of Congressional Aviation Policy Board (S. Rept. 949).

Veto Messages: Received veto messages on S. 499 and S. 542, private bills, which were referred to Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Pages 1921-1922

Reciprocal Trade Agreements: Senate received message from President urging extension of Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, in its present form, until June 12, 1951. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Pages 1921, 1934-1935

Bill Referred: One House-passed bill, passed on February 27, was referred to appropriate committee.

Page 1914

European Recovery: Senate opened debate on S. 2202, to provide for a European recovery program, with an address by Senator Vandenberg.

Pages 1915–1921

Urgent Deficiency Appropriation: Senate adopted conference report (H. Rept. 1439) on H. R. 5525, to

provide a total of \$136,368,385 for urgent deficiency appropriations for 1948, thus clearing the bill for the President's signature.

Page 1922

Displaced Persons: The time was extended from March 1 to May 1, 1948, for the Committee on the Judiciary to file a report on general immigration, pursuant to S. Res. 137.

Pages 1925–1926

Nominations: Seventy appointments in the Navy, 1 in the Marine Corps, and 68 postmaster nominations were received.

Pages 1929–1930

Committee Meetings

RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior resumed its investigation concerning various reclamation projects on the Friant-Kern canal of the Central Valley project, hearing testimony from Walker R. Young, Denver, Colo., chief engineer; William F. Kubach, comptroller; and Goodrich W. Lineweaver, Director, Branch of Operation and Maintenance, all of the Bureau of Reclamation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

QUARTERMASTER CORPS LABORATORY

Committee on Armed Services: Maj. Gen. Thomas B. Larkin, Quartermaster General of the Army, appeared before the subcommittee on S. 286, construction of a research laboratory at Boston for the Quartermaster

Corps, and submitted revised estimates of the cost of renovating buildings at the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot for a research laboratory. Other Army witnesses also testified.

NONGOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Committee, in executive session, directed its staff to make a survey of all non-Government-owned property being leased by Federal agencies.

INCOME-TAX REDUCTION

Committee on Finance: Committee opened hearings on H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill, and received testimony from James E. Webb, Director, Bureau of the Budget, on Budget estimates. The chairman read into the record a statement by Secretary of the Treasury Snyder, who might be heard later if request is made by any member of the committee. Hearings continue tomorrow.

AID TO CHINA, GREECE, AND TURKEY

Committee on Foreign Relations: In executive session on Saturday, February 28, the committee met on proposed aid to China, Greece, and Turkey, and announced, following the session, that it would meet again on March 10 to discuss aid to these countries.

INDIANS-ALASKA

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. J. Res. 162, to rescind orders of Secretary of Interior establishing Indian reservations in Alaska, and S. 2037, transferring to Alaska the administration of laws relating to Indians, receiving testimony from Rose Butts, former teacher in Alaska; C. M. Granger, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; E. F. Mynatt, Solicitor's Office, Department of Agriculture; Roger P. Marquis, Land Division, Department of Justice; and Miss Margaret Lantis, anthropologist. Hearings continue on Wednesday.

DISPLACED PERSONS

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session the committee voted to recommend legislation providing for the admission of a maximum of 50,000 displaced persons per year for 2 years, on a selective basis. The bill is scheduled to be introduced and reported tomorrow.

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee in executive session ordered reported to the full committee without recommendation S. J. Res. 76, equal rights for women.

Subcommittee also ordered reported to the full committee S. 1737, to amend the Judicial Code relative to Indian claims.

PRIVATE BILLS AND NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee reported favorably the nomination of Leslie E. Given, to be U. S. attorney for southern district of West Virginia.

Ten private claims and one private immigration bill were also approved for reporting: S. 182, S. 1307, H. R. 408, S. 1312, with amendment, H. R. 993, H. R. 1152, H. R. 431, S. 1630, H. R. 3964, H. R. 2268, and H. R. 3742.

PRESIDENT'S REORGANIZATION PLAN NO 1

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: On Saturday, February 28, subcommittee concluded hearings on President's Reorganization Plan No. 1, involving USES, after receiving testimony from the following witnesses: John D. Davis, employment security department, Washington State; W. O. Hake, commissioner, department of employment security, Nashville; Robert Marshall, director, division of employment security, Boston; Harry B. Crozier, chairman, employment commission, Austin, Tex.; Michael J. Carroll, director, division of employment security, Jefferson City, Mo.; Ray C. Smith, director, Michigan Manufacturers Unemployment Compensation Bureau, Detroit; M. William Zucker, administrative assistant, Commerce and Industry Association of New York; Herschel C. Atkinson, chairman, social security committee, National Association of State Chambers of Commerce; Paul F. Gorby, representative, Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, Chicago; and Thomas H. Bride, Unemployment Compensation Board of Rhode Island; others filed statements.

FEDERAL BUILDINGS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Buildings held hearings on four bills and received testimony from the various witnesses as follows:

W. E. Reynolds, Public Buildings Administration, testified in support of S. 1955, to acquire sites in preparation for Federal buildings generally, with recommendation that the amount of \$25 million, which would be authorized by the bill, be increased to \$32 million;

Representative Ellis appeared in support of H. R. 3506, to acquire a site for Federal building in Huntington, W. Va.;

Senator Butler testified in support of H. R. 4836, to provide for purchase of new site for Federal building in Omaha; and

Senator Cordon and Representative Angell testified in favor of H. R. 4967, to acquire site for post office in Portland, Oreg.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS

Committee on Public Works: On Saturday, February 28, Subcommittee on Roads, in connection with its hearings on S. 1954, S. 2134, S. 2149, and S. 2150, to provide Federal aid for highways, heard Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, FWA Administrator, and Thomas H. McDonald, Commissioner of Public Roads, FWA, testify in support of legislation generally, but recommend that the proposed legislation be amended to conform to the President's message of February 9 on Federal aid to highways. J. M. Brown, Director of Roads for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, proposed that the bills include Indian reservations.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eighteen public bills, H. R. 5636-5653; five private bills, H. R. 5654-5658; and six resolutions, H. Res. 486-488, and H. J. Res. 335-337, were introduced. Pages 1934, 1955

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Report by House Select Committee on Small Business

entitled "Export Controls" (H. Rept. 1440);

Three rules providing for 2 hours' general debate and consideration of amendments on the following bills-

H. Res. 486, rule for H. R. 3227, to provide for inactiveduty training pay for Organized Reserve Corps (H.

H. Res. 487, rule for H. R. 2744, relative to retirement and benefits of Regular Army officers (H. Rept. 1442),

H. Res. 488, rule for H. R. 5314, to maintain adequate rubber-producing industry for national security (H. Rept. 1443); and

Report by Congressional Aviation Policy Board entitled "National Aviation Policy" (H. Rept. 1444).

Page 1955

Reciprocal Trade Agreements: Heard message from the President urging extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, in its present form, until June 12, 1951. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and printed as House Document No. 551. Pages 1934-1935

New Member Sworn: Representative-elect Leo Isacson, was sworn in as Representative of the Twentyfourth Congressional District of New York, succeeding Benjamin J. Rabin.

"Constellation": Agreed to conference report (H. Rept. 1422), on S. 1796, providing for preservation and restoration of the frigate Constellation, with 75 percent of costs to be defrayed by public subscription. Page 1936

Urgent Deficiency Bill: Adopted the report of conferees (H. Rept. 1439), on H. R. 5525, urgent deficiency bill for 1948, carrying an amount of \$136,368,385 to be appropriated, and sent it to the Senate. Pages 1936-1937

Consent Calendar: The following 22 bills were passed on the call of the Consent Calendar-

Sent to the Senate without amendment:

Land Patents: H. R. 3628, to revise present method of issuing patents for public lands.

Weather Service: H. R. 4112, acceptance and use of additional funds for support of national weather service.

VA Expenses: H. R. 4478, providing basic authority for certain administrative expenses in the Veterans' Administration. I men was A wife and constituted

Mine-water Study: H. R. 4837, providing for engineering study of the mine-water problem of eastern Pennsylvania anthracite mining region.

Oregon & California R. R.: H. R. 5049, to reopen the revested Oregon & California R. R. and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands to exploration, entry, etc., under general mining laws.

Postal Promotions: H. R. 5315, ratifying administrative promotions of certain employees on military fur-

lough from the field postal service.

"Uncle Remus" Stamps: H. J. Res. 304, authorizing special stamp series commemorating one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Joel Chandler Harris, author.

Cleared for Presidential signature:

Battle Streamers: S. 703, authorizing carrying of Civil War battle streamers with regimental colors.

Foreign Duty: S. 1195, limiting foreign tour of duty of officers and enlisted men of the Army and Air Force

Navy Organization: S. 1252, making certain changes

in the organization of the Navy Department.

Gifts-Army and Navy: S. 1528, authorizing Secretaries of War and Navy to accept gifts and bequests for use in schools, hospitals, and other such institutions under their jurisdiction.

Medal of Honor: S. 1802, authorizing Presidential award of Medal of Honor to unknown American killed

in action in World War II.

Vessel Lights: S. 1961, extending exemption to certain Navy or Coast Guard vessels from complying with Rules of the Road, regarding lights.

Sent to the Senate with amendments:

Medical Expenses-Navy: H. R. 1275, authorizing reimbursement of naval personnel for cost of necessary medical or hospital services while on authorized leave.

Montana Land Leases: H. R. 4167, to authorize Montana to lease State lands for production of oil, gas, etc.; such time and conditions to be determined by State legislative assembly.

Grave Markers: H. R. 4272, to furnish headstones or markers for graves of honorably discharged members of the armed forces, including Union and Confederate

Veterans' Patents: H. R. 4304, extending time limitation on patents held by veterans of World War II.

Vessel Repairs: H. R. 4721, removing statutory limitation on repairs and alterations of a naval vessel.

U. S. Code, 17: H. R. 4931, amending title 17 of the U. S. Code entitled "Copyrights".

VA Office, Philippines: H. R. 4943, extending authority of Veterans' Administration to continue operation of offices in the Republic of the Philippines.

Aliens, Military: H. R. 5193, permitting acquisition of citizenship by alien members of the U.S. armed forces of World Wars I and II. thirdeal magnetic medical participation

Indians: S. 1698, to enlarge the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in Utah.

Election Investigations: Agreed to H. Res. 461, creating a special committee to investigate elections of Members of the House of Representatives.

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Committee Meetings

SOIL CONSERVATION

Committee on Agriculture: Met on various bills pertaining to soil conservation and heard Representative Cooley, sponsor of H. R. 4150; Representative Hill, sponsor of H. R. 4151; and Charles F. Brannan, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. Hearings continue tomorrow.

DISABILITY RETIREMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Legal Subcommittee continued public hearings on disability retirement investigation and heard Vice Adm. Harry G. Hamlet, USCG (retired) of the Retired Officers Association, and Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, Department of the Army. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SECOND DECONTROL ACT OF 1947

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued public hearings on continuing certain features of the Second Decontrol Act of 1947 and heard Representative Abernethy testify with respect to fertilizers. The committee also heard George Jewett, Associate Director, Office of Metals Reserve, RFC (tin and Texas City tin smelter).

D. C. OPTOMETRY-WELFARE BOARD

Committee on the District of Columbia: February 28, Subcommittee on Health, Education, and Recreation (Public Welfare) met on H. R. 5241, regulating the practice of optometry in the District of Columbia; and H. R. 5227, providing for commitment of children to the Board of Public Welfare in lieu of the National Training School for Girls, and heard Dr. Ward W. Ewalt, Jr., of the American Optometric Association, who appeared in favor of H. R. 5241. Dr. James N. Greer, former president of the District Medical Society, and Robert Rosenberg of Pittsburgh appeared in opposition to the bill. The subcommittee also received testimony of Warren G. McGue, F. W. Hillyard, and Harold Comb in connection with H. R. 5241.

The subcommittee also heard Corporation Counsel Vernon E. West; Raymond L. Clapp, Acting Director of the Welfare Board; Mrs. Smith, Superintendent of National Training School for Girls; Mrs. Miller, Superintendent of Child Welfare Division; and a group of property owners in the vicinity of the National Training School for Girls, all of whom appeared in connection with H. R. 5227.

GSI STRIKE-HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: February 28, Hoffman subcommittee met in executive session on the progress of the settlement negotiations of the GSI strike and later announced that the subcommittee had found that GSI had not only acted in the letter and spirit of the Taft-Hartley law but had offered to make reasonable concessions, within the law, to settle the strike; that charges of Communist influence and domination in the UPW-CIO have been substantial and that recognition of such a union for employees in Government buildings represents a definite danger to the security and well-being of the United States.

Kearns subcommittee on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute met and received further testimony from Roy M. Brewer, international representative, and Matthew M. Levy, special counsel, both of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees.

CHICAGO PAROLES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Continued public hearings on the investigation of the Chicago paroles and heard Jacob M. Arvey of Chicago; William J. Drury and Thomas Connolly, both reporters of the Chicago Herald-American; and Glenn Boehm of Washington.

FOREIGN AID

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in executive session and adopted a resolution which proposes immediate executive sessions for the drafting of legislation as ready on European recovery program and any other program for U. S. aid to foreign postwar recovery; the holding of such open and executive meetings to hear pertinent testimony on proposed legislation for China aid and Greek-Turkish aid, with the aim of completing committee action as soon as possible, at the chairman's discretion.

EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met on regulations of the Office of International Trade on Export Controls and heard Representatives Poulson, Heselton, McDonough, and Harless; David Bruce, Assistant Secretary, Department of Commerce; Francis McIntyre, Director, Export Control, and Joseph Sinclair, manager, Foreign Trade Department, New York Association of Commerce and Industry; Christy Thomas, Washington representative of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce; and Norman F. Revel, representing international section, New York Board of Trade. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PATENTS-BANKRUPTCY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights continued public hearings on H. R. 3929, to amend the patent laws so as to protect the United States in certain instances, and heard Giles Rich, representing the New York Patent Law Association; and Conder C. Henry and Harold Watson, both representing the American Patent Law Association.

Subcommittee on Bankruptcy and Reorganization discussed pending bills and agreed to recommend favorably to the full committee H. R. 5287, to provide that publication of notices to creditors shall be discretionary with the court.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization met and agreed to recommend six private immigration bills favorably to the full committee.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met on S. 1426, establishing permanently the office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, also granting permanent authorization for use of Post Office Department appropriations for certain administrative expenses, and heard representatives of the Post Office Department. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Public Lands met on various bills and heard Representative Vursell who testified in favor of H. J. Res. 242, a land patent bill, and Jacob N. Wasserman, Bureau of Land Management, in opposition to H. J. Res. 242.

Harry F. Thompson, Assistant Superintendent, National Capital Parks, appeared in favor of H. R. 4455, authorizing conveyance of certain lands to Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad Co. On H. R. 5053 and H. R. 5054, bills providing for establishment of the Philadelphia National Historical Park, the committee received testimony from Representatives Scott, McGarvey, and Walter; Edwin O. Lewis, chairman, Philadelphia National Shrines and Park Commission; Newton B. Drury, Director, National Park Service; Charles F. Jenkins, president, Pennsylvania Historical Society; and Emerson Curtis, of Curtis Mall Committee.

The subcommittee ordered H. J. Res. 242 and H. R. 4455 reported to the full committee with amendments.

CLARK HILL RESERVOIR, GA.

Committee on Public Works: Met on H. R. 3826, disposition of powerhouse of Clark Hill reservoir project, and heard Col. P. A. Feringa, Chief of Civil Works, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army; Charles A. Collier, vice president, Savannah River Electric Co., Atlanta, Ga.; Richard E. Allen, Jr., former mayor of Augusta, Ga.; D. A. McNeil, Jr., of Thomson, Ga.; W. A. Slayton, mayor of Washington, Ga.; J. S. Hardin, superintendent of schools, Appling, Ga.; and H. E. Stewart, Jr., of Lincolnton, Ga.; all of whom appeared in favor of the proposed legislation.

RULES-MILITARY BILLS

Committee on Rules: Heard Chairman Andrews and Representatives Shafer and Johnson of Texas, of the Committee on Armed Services, who favored a resolution providing consideration for H. R. 5314, a bill providing for the maintenance of an adequate domestic rubber-producing industry. A resolution providing 2 hours of general debate was ordered reported.

Heard Chairman Andrews and Representatives Johnson of California, Brooks, Van Zandt, and Sikes, of the Committee on Armed Services, who favored a resolution providing consideration for H. R. 2744, a bill to provide for the selection, elimination, and retirement of officers of the Regular Army, for the equalization of retirement benefits for members of the Army of the United States, and for other purposes. A resolution providing 2 hours of general debate was ordered reported.

Heard Chairman Andrews and Representative Towe of the Committee on Armed Services, who favored a resolution providing consideration of H. R. 3227, a bill to provide for inactive duty training pay for the Organized Reserve Corps, to provide uniform standards for inactive duty training pay for all reserve components of the armed forces, and for other purposes. A resolution providing 2 hours of general debate was ordered reported.

VETERANS' HOMESTEAD ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met on H. R. 4488 and allied bills for "Veterans' Homestead Act of 1948" and heard Walter E. Allessandroni, of the American Legion; Frank W. Kelsey, Assistant Administrator for Finance, and T. B. King, director, Loan Guarantee Service, both of the Veterans' Administration.

TOBACCO TAX

Committee on Ways and Means: Met on H. R. 3345, to assist States in collecting sale and use taxes on tobacco, and heard Members of Congress and representatives of State tax officials testify for and against enactment of H. R. 3345.

COMMODITY TRANSACTIONS

Select Committee Investigating Transactions on Commodity Exchanges: Met in open hearing and heard Frank Wooley, Deputy Administrator of PMA; Leroy Smith, of the grain branch of Commodity Credit Corporation; and Mr. MacArthur, of the Grain Procurement Division, who explained to members of the committee the procedure they used in formulating policies for buying of grain and other commodities for relief purposes and stated, with reference to the recent commodity market crash, that Secretary of Agriculture Anderson was the official who decided and announced that the Government would stop buying grain on February 4.

Joint Committee Meetings

PAPER BIDS

Joint Committee on Printing: The committee authorized the Public Printer to advertise for bids on a schedule embracing 159 lots of paper. The quantity estimated for a term of 3 months, beginning April 1, 1948, is approximately 21,325,000 pounds, a reduction of 765,000 pounds from the estimated quantity for the current quarter. Committee meets March 22 to make paper bid awards.

TIDELANDS

Joint Meeting: The subcommittees of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees continued hearings on S. 1988 and similar bills, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, receiving further testimony in support of the legislation from Senator Knowland; James J. McCarthy, American Title Association; and District Attorney L. H. Perez, of Plaquemines Parish, La.; Hiram M. Dowe, Interstate Oil Compact Commission, appeared briefly.

On Saturday, February 28, the subcommittees received supporting testimony from Olin S. Proctor, Long Beach, Calif., Lucille May Grace, register of State lands office, Louisiana, and M. Vashti Burr, deputy attorney general for Pennsylvania. Hearings continue to-

morrow.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: The committee, created under the Taft-Hartley law, met in executive session with members and general counsel of the NLRB to consider matters of mutual interest arising under the Taft-Hartley law.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D115)

S. 522, sale of land of Chippewas of Michigan. Signed February 27, 1948 (P. L. 418);

S. 1485, to authorize disposition of certain lands acquired for Indian school in New Mexico. Signed February 27, 1948 (P. L. 419);

S. 1591, transfer of certain electrical equipment at Fort Peck project, Montana. Signed February 27, 1948

(P. L. 420);

H. R. 774, disposition of condemned ordnance equipment. Signed February 27, 1948 (P. L. 421);

H. R. 5390, extending authority of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947 until March 1, 1948. Signed February 27, 1948 (P. L. 422);

S. J. Res. 173, continuing to March 1, 1949, the authority of the Maritime Commission to sell, charter, and operate vessels. Signed February 27, 1948 (P. L. 423);

S. 1133, per capita payment to Indians of Fort Berthold Reservation, N. Dak. Signed February 28, 1948 (P. L. 424);

S. 1454, to amend the Public Health Service Act in regard to certain matters of personnel and administration. Signed February 28, 1948 (P. L. 425);

H. R. 4127, to liberalize annuities and benefits for Federal employees. Signed February 28, 1948 (P. L. 426);

H. R. 5391, to continue until May 31, 1948, the Second Decontrol Act, relating to export and rail-transportation controls and allocation of strategic materials in short supply. Signed February 28, 1948 (P. L. 427).

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Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF 80TH CONGRESS

The following are tables on nominations and legislative activity, run monthly in the DAILY DIGEST.

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the House and Senate during this session, January 6, 1948, through February 20, 1948.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate

confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 6 through February 29, 1948

	Senate	House	Total
Days in session	27	29	
Time in session	98 hrs., 28'	104 hrs., 18'	
Average length of each day's			
session	3.6 hrs.	3.6 hrs.	
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	952	1,026	1,978
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Public bills enacted into law	13	19	32
Private bills enacted into law.	27	23	50
Bills in conference	- 1 43		**8
Bills through conference		e vita	2
Measures passed, total	166	225	
Senate bills	70	51	
House bills	63	130	
Senate joint resolutions	4	2	
House joint resolutions	2	3	
Senate concurrent resolu-			
tions	4	4	
House concurrent resolu-			
tions	5	7	
Simple resolutions	18	28	46
Measures reported, total	*157	182	
Senate bills	75	37	
House bills	51	114	
Senate joint resolutions	6		
House joint resolutions	1	7	
Senate concurrent resolu-			
tions	5		
House concurrent resolu-			
tions	2	2	**
Simple resolutions	18	22	40
Special reports	9	19	
Conference reports		W	4
Reported measures not acted			
on	**83	**146	

*These figures on measures reported include all placed on calendar or acted on by Senate even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 138 reports has been filed in the Senate; a total of 205 has been filed in the House.

**This figure does not agree with the total difference between bills reported and bills passed, because resolutions and bills placed on the House Calendar without having been formally reported were not included in figures of measures reported to the House; the difference in the case of Senate figures is due to uncounted bills "laid on the table" or "indefinitely postponed." These data include bills on Calendar and in conference at the end of the first session.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY—Continued

	Senate	House	Total
Measures introduced, total	368	948	1,316
Bills	313	804	1,117
Joint resolutions	23	50	73
Concurrent resolutions	7	23	. 30
Simple resolutions	25	71	96
Quorum calls	31	5	36
Yea-and-nay votes	6	13	19

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 6-FEBRUARY 29,

Postmaster nominations, totaling 683, disposed of as	
follows:	
Confirmed	None
Withdrawn	2
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	681
Army nominations, totaling 1,813, disposed of as	
follows:	
Confirmed	511
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	1, 302
Air Force nominations, totaling 841, disposed of as	
follows:	
Confirmed	172
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	669
Navy nominations, totaling 284, disposed of as	P 1
follows:	les in the
Confirmed	251
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	33
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 609, disposed of	
as follows:	
Confirmed	608
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	1
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1,677, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,646
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None -
Unconfirmed	31
Summary	3111
Total nominations received	5, 907
Total rejected	None
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Tuesday, March 2, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate on ERP.

House passed bill to increase rural-carrier allowances and 24 Private Calendar measures; also defeated Louisiana tax-investigation resolution.

Various bills were reported to Senate.

Antilynching and petroleum-exportation bills approved by House committees.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 1956-1961

Bills Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2242 to S. 2246; and S. Res. 207.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2242, to authorize the admission within 2 years of 100,000 displaced persons for permanent residence (S. Rept. 950);

S. 984, to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, or ancestry

(S. Rept. 951);

H. R. 2293, amending the act to regulate navigation on the Great Lakes and tributaries, to insure greater safety for vessels and their crews, relating to range lights (S. Rept. 957);

S. 1651, to amend the General Bridge Act of 1946

relative to toll charges (S. Rept. 958);

S. 1958, designating reservoir on Grand River at Fort Gibson, Okla., as Lake Chouteau (S. Rept. 959);

S. 2201, relative to construction of bridges in Mary-

land (S. Rept. 960);

The following private claims bills: S. 1307, S. 1312, with amendment, S. 1630, H. R. 408, and H. R. 993

(S. Repts. 952 to 956, inclusive).

S. Res. 207, providing for printing of 7,000 additional copies of S. Rept. 949 on "National Aviation Policy" (no written rept.).

Pages 1957–1958

Bills Referred: Fourteen House-passed bills and one House-passed resolution, passed on March 1, were referred to appropriate committees.

Page 1959

European Recovery: Senate continued debate on S. 2202, to provide for a European recovery program.

Pages 1961-1986

Resolution Adopted: S. Res. 207, to print 7,000 additional copies of S. Rept. 949 on "National Aviation Policy," was adopted.

Page 1958

Indians: House amendments to S. 1698, to enlarge the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in Utah, were

concurred in, clearing the bill for the President's signature.

"Constellation": Conference report (H. Rept. 1422) on S. 1796, to provide for preservation of the frigate Constellation, was agreed to and the bill cleared for the President's signature.

Confirmations: The following nominations were confirmed: John Thad Scott, Jr., Texas, to be a member of the National Mediation Board; Harvey Jones Gunderson, South Dakota, Henry T. Bodman, Michigan, Henry A. Mulligan, New York, John D. Goodloe, Kentucky, and Harley Hise, California, all to be members of the RFC Board of Directors; Harold M. Stephens, Utah, and James M. Proctor, D. C., to be chief and associate justices, respectively, of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia; together with two other civilian nominations.

Committee Meetings

RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued hearings on reclamation projects on the Friant-Kern canal of the Central Valley project, and received further testimony from Walker R. Young, Denver, Colo., chief engineer; Michael W. Straus, Commissioner; Kenneth W. Markwell, Assistant Commissioner; and Alfred R. Golze, Office of Programs and Finance, all of the Bureau of Reclamation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on H. R. 5214, Independent Offices Appropriations, received testimony regarding the fiscal needs of their respective agencies from the following: James E. Webb, Director of the Budget; A. E. Demaray, Associate Director, National Park Service; Charles D. Mahaffie, ICC Commissioner; Nelson Lee Smith, FPC Chairman; Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, FWA Administrator; John E. Graf, Assistant Secretary, Smithsonian Institution; and Sidney Morgan, secretary, Tariff Commission.

E. M. Elkin, representative of the National Association of State Chambers of Commerce, also appeared. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SURPLUS LANDS—FORTS

Committee on Armed Services: In connection with S. Con. Res. 31, to request the War and Navy Departments and the WAA to delay until March 15, 1948, in reporting as surplus certain lands and permanent structures, awaiting a report by the administrative agencies before January 15, 1948, to the Committees on Armed Services on the location, general description, and fair market value of these properties (primarily concerning particular historic forts throughout the U.S.), the subcommittee met in executive session with officials of the WAA, PBA, Department of Interior, and Department of Army, to consider a revision of section 13 of the Surplus Property Act of 1944, which would permit the conveyance to State and local governments of surplus land which has value for use as a public park, public recreation area, or historic monument for the benefit of the people. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RUBBER

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee in hearings on S. 2187, providing for the maintenance of an adequate rubber-producing industry, heard David K. E. Bruce, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, make a formal statement giving the report of the Department of Commerce, after which an informal round-table discussion was held with Mr. Bruce; Admiral C. E. Braine, Munitions Board; Jerry Hadlock, Office of Rubber Reserve of RFC; Don Kennedy, State Department; Arthur Wolfe, National Security Resources Board; and others discussing various provisions of the bill and proposals that they felt should be incorporated in it to improve that measure from an administrative point of view.

INCOME-TAX REDUCTION

Committee on Finance: Continuing hearings on H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill, the committee heard John E. Hanes, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, state that "substantial tax reduction would revitalize risk capital, help maintain employment, and lower the cost of goods and services to the consumer through increased production." Clarence D. Layton, National Association of State Chambers of Commerce, endorsed the purposes of the bill and proposed a reduction in Federal expenditures as a key to real tax reform. Benjamin Marsh, representing the People's Lobby, Inc., told the group that "a small tax reduction is not an acceptable substitute for price reduction and measures to stop inflation." Dr. Charles Roos, president, Econometric Institute, New York, stated

"with the Knutson bill we forecast that personal income will average about \$210 billion during the calendar year 1948, and without tax reduction it will average about \$200 billion." Hearings continue tomorrow.

MINING

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Natural Resources Economic Subcommittee heard Frederick C. Fearing, consulting engineer, in behalf of Lee H. Wolvin, president, discuss the activities of their properties, the Manila Mines, Charleston, Ariz.

DISTRICT COURT NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee, in an evening session (began at 7 p. m.), received further opposition testimony from citizens of the District of Columbia to the nomination of Edward Allen Tamm, to be a judge of the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia. Details will be carried in tomorrow's Record.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Committee approved, in executive session, the following resolutions: S. J. Res. 154, authorizing stamps commemorative of one hundredth anniversary of the poultry industry; S. J. Res. 158, authorizing stamps commemorative of eighty-fifth anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address; S. J. Res. 178, authorizing stamps commemorative of one hundredth anniversary of Territory of Minnesota; and S. J. Res. 189, authorizing special stamp in honor of Five Civilized Tribes of Indians in Oklahoma.

INTERNAL REVENUE PERSONNEL

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee, in connection with S. Res. 41, heard the two following witnesses discuss number and qualifications of officers and employees of the Bureau of Internal Revenue: Stewart Berkshire, Assistant Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and Dr. T. C. Atkeson, assistant to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

A great number of bills were assigned to subcommittees for study and recommendation.

BRIDGES AND RESERVOIR

Committee on Public Works: In executive session the committee reported the following bills without amendment: S. 2201, relative to construction of bridges in Maryland; S. 1958, designating reservoir on Grand River at Fort Gibson, Okla., as Lake Chouteau; and S. 1651, to amend the General Bridge Act of 1946 relative to toll charges.

The nomination of Dewitt L. Pyburn, to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission, was favorably reported to the Senate.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventeen public bills, H. R. 5659-5675; two private bills, H. R. 5676 and 5677; and four resolutions, H. Res. 489 and 490, H. J. Res. 338, and H. Con. Res. 153, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Thirty-three private bills from the Committee on the Judiciary: S. 111, H. R. 333, 342, 344, 345, 762, 1218, 1490, 1524, 1659, 1855, 1955, 2329, 2372, 2602, 2728, 2897, 2922, 3112, 3244, 3260, 3328, 3352, 3526, 3867, 3914, 4315, 4317, 4377, 4379, 4399, 4441, and 4452 (H. Repts. 1445–1477, inclusive); and

H. R. 3229, exempting Hawaii and Alaska from cargo-manifest laws (H. Rept. 1478). Pages 2013-2014

Private Calendar: Twenty-four private bills were passed as follows:

Without amendment: H. R. 1088, 2070, and 2684. With amendments: H. R. 550, 911, 912, 1222, 2136, 2734, 2919, 3027, 3641, 4050, 4129, and 4571.

Cleared for Presidential action: S. 535, 641, 922, 939,

970, 1031, 1267, 1716, and 1721.

Passed over without prejudice: H. R. 2698 and 3880.

Pages 1989-1993

Rural Mail Carriers: Passed S. 203, as amended, increasing the allowance made to rural carriers for use and maintenance of their equipment, from 6 to 7 cents a mile, for the period of 12 months.

Adopted H. Res. 480, the rule providing consideration of H. R. 1186, a companion bill which was ordered to lie on the table.

Pages 1993–2001

Tax Investigation, Louisiana: Defeated, by a vote of 239 nays to 112 yeas, H. Res. 462, a resolution to appoint a select committee of the House, to be appointed by the Speaker, to investigate possible fraudulent income-tax returns filed with collector of internal revenue for the district of Louisiana.

Pages 2001-2007

De Soto Memorial: Agreed to Senate amendment on H. R. 4023, authorizing appropriation of \$25,000 for establishment of De Soto National Memorial in Florida, completing congressional action.

Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House—Mr. Philbin, on U. S. Air Force expansion; Mr. Heselton, on petroleum-embargo resolution; and Mr. Reed of Illinois, on causes of high prices.

Pages 2007-2012

Committee Meetings

SOIL CONSERVATION

Committee on Agriculture: Met on various bills pertaining to soil conservation and heard Allan B. Kline, president, American Farm Bureau Federation; H. L. Wingate, president, Georgia Farm Bureau; H. L. Slosher, president, Missouri Farm Bureau; Howard Hill, president, Iowa Farm Bureau; and Walter Hammond, president, Texas Farm Bureau. Hearings continue tomorrow.

WAC-WAVES-DISABILITY RETIREMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Organization Subcommittee met on S. 1641, making the WACS, WAVES, and Women Marines a permanent part of the armed services, and heard Brig. Gen. D. C. Strother, Air Force; Col. Martin L. Menter, Air Force; Capt. Joy B. Hancock, director of WAVES; Capt. Thomas F. Darden and Capt. Fred R. Stickney, both of Navy Personnel.

Legal Subcommittee continued public hearings on disability retirement investigation and heard Representative Teague, and Adrain W. DeWind, tax legis-

lative counsel.

SECOND DECONTROL ACT OF 1947

Committee on Banking and Currency: Concluded public hearings on continuing certain features of the Second Decontrol Act of 1947 and heard R. H. Louden, representing McGean Chemical Co., Cleveland, Ohio, and John Illif, representing Harshaw Chemical Co., Cleveland, Ohio, both manufacturers of tin oxide. Also heard James B. Mattison, representing Davis, Rose & Co., Ltd., Boston, Mass.; and Dr. Robert P. Fischelis, executive secretary, American Pharmaceutical Association.

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns subcommittee on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute continued public hearings and heard further testimony from Roy M. Brewer, international representative, and Matthew M. Levy, special counsel, both of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees. Hearing continues tomorrow.

CHICAGO PAROLES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Continued public hearings on the investigation of the Chicago paroles and heard Boris Kostelanetz, who handled prosecution of the case under which men were convicted; Mrs. Helen Brady of St. Louis; and Maury Hughes, attorney, of Dallas. The committee also received further testimony from William J. Drury and Thomas Connolly, both reporters of the Chicago Herald-American. Hearings continue tomorrow.

CHINESE AID

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met on aid to China and heard William C. Bullitt, former Ambassador to Great

Britain, and M. F. Allman, attorney, who practiced law in China.

PETROLEUM-EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to house, with amendments, H. J. Res. 323, temporarily prohibiting the exportation of petroleum and petroleum products.

Later the committee resumed public hearings on regulations of the Office of International Trade on export controls and heard Representatives Welch, and Jones of Washington; Joseph Sinclair, manager, Foreign Trade Department, New York Association of Commerce and Industry, New York City; and Jules Vandervoort, president, Vandervoort & Co., New York City. Hearing continues tomorrow.

ANTILYNCH

Committee on the Judiciary: Met in executive session on H. R. 3488, Case antilynching bill, and other bills, and ordered favorably reported to the House, with amendments, H. R. 3488, which will be reintroduced and reported as a clean bill, embodying committee amendments. The committee also ordered favorably reported H. R. 183, to transfer a lot in the city of Fairbanks, Alaska, to the city of Fairbanks; 35 private claims bills, and 15 private immigration bills.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Sadlak subcommittee continued public hearings on S. 1426, establishing permanently the office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, also granting permanent authorization for use of Post Office Department appropriations for certain administrative expenses, and heard further testimony from representatives of the Post Office Department. Adjourned subject to call of the chairman of the subcommittee.

PUBLIC LAND ACTIONS

Committee on Public Lands: Met and ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 4455, conveyance of certain lands to Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad.

H. R. 4725, conferring jurisdiction of States over offenses committed by or against Indians on reservations.

H. R. 4954, construction of Kennewick division, Yakima project, Washington.

H. R. 5118, sale of individual Indian lands, Flathead Reservation, to the State of Montana.

H. R. 5122, amending section 9 of the act of August 24, 1912, regarding indebtedness and taxes in Alaska.

S. 1006, amending section 27 of the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, to increase acreage of leases.

S. 1507, sale of undisposed of lots in Michel addition, in the town of Polson, Mont.

S. 1733, authorizing payments to certain members of the Seminole Tribe of Oklahoma.

S. 1990, completion of Deer Creek division of the Provo River project, Utah.

H. J. Res. 242, S. 400, S. 401, S. 773, and S. 1407, all land-patent bills.

CLARK HILL RESERVOIR

Committee on Public Works: Continued public hearings on H. R. 3826, disposition of powerhouse of Clark Hill Reservoir project, and heard Hon. J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina; Hon. Edgar A. Brown, State senator, South Carolina, and chairman, Clark Hill Authority of South Carolina; Walter Harrison, president, REA Cooperatives of Georgia, editor, Millen News, Millen, Ga., and member, State house of representatives; James B. Polhill, business manager, REA Cooperatives of Georgia, Louisville, Ga.; Hon. Butler B. Hare, former Member of Congress; J. Fred Buzard, county attorney, McCormick County, S. C.; L. S. Moody, secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Augusta, Ga.; Representatives Brown of Georgia, Riley, Dorn, and Preston; E. D. Clary, vice president, Bank of Columbia County, Harlem, Ga.; and J. M. Ellis, Kent County, Ga.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met on the subject of recent cuts in the Veterans' Administration personnel and heard testimony of George H. Sweet, assistant administrator for personnel; Sam M. Moore, Jr., director of budget; and Jack A. Crowley, executive secretary, Personnel Control Board, all from the Veterans' Administration. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

STEEL PRICES

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: Benjamin Fairless, president, United States Steel; A. B. Homer, president, Bethlehem Steel Co.; and Hiland G. Batcheller, president, Allegheny-Ludlum Steel Co., testified before the committee in connection with recent increases in prices of basic steel products.

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee met in executive session with members of the Commission and its staff to discuss labor problems of the Atomic Energy Commission preparatory to committee holding hearings.

There was also a discussion of reports carried in the press concerning Dr. Edward U. Condon, director, National Bureau of Standards.

TIDELANDS

Joint Meeting: Hearings were continued before the subcommittees of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees on S. 1988 and similar bills, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, with Hiram

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M. Dow, Roswell, N. Mex., representing Interstate Oil Compact Commission, and Price Daniel, attorney general for Texas, testifying in support of the legislation.

Attorney General Tom C. Clark appeared in opposition to the bill. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Wednesday, March 3, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate of ERP.

House debated State, Justice, and Commerce appropriation bill.

Bill on export of surplus agricultural products approved by Senate group.

House unit approved WAC-WAVE military-status bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 2015-2019

Bills Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2247 to S. 2255; and S. Res. 208.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows: The following private bills: S. 182, H. R. 431, H. R. 1152, H. R. 2268, and H. R. 3964 (S. Repts. 961 to 965, inclusive).

Re-Referral: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. 2158, to amend the Foreign Aid and Third Supplemental Appropriation Acts to eliminate certain provisions requiring retention of a specified carry-over of wheat, which was rereferred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

Page 2017

Bills Referred: Fifteen House-passed bills, passed on March 2, were referred to appropriate committees.

Page 2017

Presidential Message: Received message transmitting annual report of the U. S. Civil Service Commission and urging that the recommendations therein as to complete revision of the Classification Act be enacted referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. See House Chamber on same.

Pages 2015, 2062

Resolution Adopted: S. Res. 208, providing for printing of 1,000 additional copies of hearings held by Committee on Post Office and Civil Service on salaries of Federal Government employees, was adopted.

Page 2017

Rural Mail Carriers: Senate asked for a conference on S. 203, increasing the allowance made to rural mail

carriers for use and maintenance of their equipment, and appointed as conferees the following Senators: Langer, Buck, Flanders, Chavez, and Johnston.

Page 2024

European Recovery: Senate continued debate on S. 2202, to provide for a European recovery program.

Pages 2019-2048

Confirmation: The nomination of DeWitt L. Pyburn, Louisiana, to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission, was confirmed.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS AND NATIONAL FOREST

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: In executive session the two following bills were approved for reporting: Without amendments, S. J. Res. 187, to utilize "section 32 funds" for exportation of surplus agricultural commodities under the foreign-aid program (the designation "section 32 funds" refers to a provision of the Agricultural Adjustment Act providing for 30 percent of annual tariff revenues for use in expanding domestic and export outlets of agricultural surpluses); and with amendment, S. 1090, to safeguard and consolidate certain areas within the Superior National Forest.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 5214, independent offices appropriations. Senator Flanders, and Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, testified in behalf of funds for that agency. Other witnesses heard in regard to funds for their respective agencies were Judge Bolon B. Turner, Tax Court of the U. S.;

John F. Feeney and Thomas A. Flynn, GAO; Thad Page, National Archives; Louis J. O'Marr and James A. Langston, both of the Indian Claims Commission; and Mark Lansburgh, chairman, Edward A. Dent, and Richard R. Atkinson, members, D. C. Redevelopment Land Agency. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held further hearings on reclamation projects on Friant-Kern canal of the Central Valley project. Testimony was received from Albert R. Golze, Office of Programs and Finance, and representatives of the legal counsel, all of the Bureau of Reclamation; Steve Rice, Office of the Senate Legislative Counsel; and several representatives of the Bureau of the Budget. Hearings were recessed subject to call of the chair.

SURPLUS LANDS—FORTS

Committee on Armed Services: Representatives of the city of Detroit, Senators O'Daniel, Ferguson, and Watkins, and Representative Kilday appeared before the subcommittee on various bills proposing the transfer of specific properties to local communities or subdivisions of local government in behalf of which they spoke.

These hearings are in connection with proposed amendments to the Surplus Property Act of 1944 in pursuance of S. Con. Res. 31, to request the War and Navy Departments and the WAA to delay until March 15, 1948, in reporting as surplus certain lands and permanent structures, awaiting a report by the administrative agencies before January 15, 1948, to the Committees on Armed Services on the location, general description, and fair market value of these properties (primarily concerning particular historic forts throughout the U.S.).

FEDERAL RESERVE NOMINATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee conducted an inquiry into the qualifications of Thomas B.

McCabe, Pennsylvania, to be a member of the Federal Reserve Board. The chairman presented a statement discussing certain questions which have arisen as to Mr. McCabe's administration of the Office of Foreign Liquidation Commission. Testimony was given along the same lines by Hubert B. Moody, former field compliance officer for the Foreign Liquidation Commissioner, and now investigator for the Surplus Property Subcommittee of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments.

INCOME-TAX REDUCTION

Committee on Finance: Further hearings were held on H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill, with Senator O'Mahoney testifying in support of his proposed amendment respecting the reapplication of excess profits tax; Senator Lodge appeared to support his proposed amendment which provides that nonresident aliens who are in the U. S. for 90 days or more in any taxable year shall be taxed as an ordinary resident even though his activities are confined to transactions on commodity markets or transactions in stocks or securities; Senator Kem testified on two amendments he intends to offer relative (1) to reinstatement of the earned-income credit, and (2) allowance of deduction of certain educational expenses of teachers; and Senator Fulbright sponsored his amendment for the repeal of the oleomargarine tax. Committee meets again Friday.

INSANE PERSONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee heard the following witnesses testify in support of S. 850, care and custody of insane persons convicted of U. S. offenses: Aaron Gottshall, Department of Justice; James V. Bennett, Director, Bureau of Prisons; Calvert Magruder, associate justice, First Circuit Court of Appeals; Henry P. Chandler, Director, Administrative Offices of the U. S. Courts; and Dr. Winfred Overholser, Superintendent of St. Elizabeths Hospital.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Nineteen public bills, H. R. 5678-5696; nine private bills, H. R. 5697-5705; and two resolutions, H. Res. 491 and 492, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Eight private claims bills, H. R. 817, 831, 926, 1409, and 1749 (H. Repts. 1479 to 1483, inclusive) and H. R. 2384, 3162, and 1008 (H. Repts. 1495 to 1497, inclusive);

Two resolutions providing 1 hour debate and consideration of amendments—

H. Res. 491, rule for H. R. 5098, to conduct research on foot-and-mouth disease and other animal diseases (H. Rept. 1484), and

H. Res. 492, rule for H. R. 3510, to construct public airport in Alaska (H. Rept. 1485);

Five land-patent bills, S. 400, 401, 773, 1407, and 1517 (H. Repts. 1486–1490, inclusive);

S. 1733, authorizing payments to certain members of the Seminole Tribe of Oklahoma (H. Rept. 1491);

S. 1990, to complete Deer Creek division of the Provo River project in Utah (H. Rept. 1492);

H. R. 4455, to convey certain lands to Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac R. R. (H. Rept. 1493);

H. R. 5118, sale of individual Indian lands, Flathead Reservation, to the State of Montana (H. Rept. 1494); Intermediate report entitled "Investigation of the Civil Service Commission Investigators' Leads File" (H.

Rept. 1498); and

Conference report on S. 1317, to provide for leasing of trusts on restricted lands on Crow Indian Reservation, Mont. (H. Rept. 1499).

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State, Justice, Commerce Appropriations: Debated H. R. 5607, the appropriation bill recommending \$503,420,263 be furnished to carry out the functions and activities of the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and the Judiciary for the fiscal year 1949. After conclusion of general debate, the first paragraph of the bill was read for amendment and further consideration of the measure was postponed.

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Report of Civil Service Commission: Heard message from the President transmitting the annual report of the Civil Service Commission which recommended a revision of the Classification Act of 1923, providing for establishment of compensation schedules by grades only instead of by both services and grades; to place responsibility on the Commission for development of standards under which jobs are to be classified, such job classification to be subject to post-audit by the Commission; and to clearly set forth the factors which are to be taken into consideration in classifying jobs. The report was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, and printed as House Document No. 455.

Committee Meetings

SOIL CONSERVATION

Committee on Agriculture: Met on various bills reorganizing the administration and handling of soil conservation activities in the Department of Agriculture and heard Russell Smith of the Farmers' Union; John A. Hannah, president, Land Grant Colleges; and H. C. Sanders, director of extension service, Louisiana State University. Hearing continues tomorrow.

WAC-WAVES

Committee on Armed Services: Organization Subcommittee met on S. 1641, making the WACS, WAVES, and Women Marines a permanent part of the armed services, and heard Representative Powell; Mrs. Alexander Stewart, national cochairman of the Women's Committee To Oppose Conscription; and James Finucane of the National Council for Prevention of

War. Following this testimony, the subcommittee agreed to report S. 1641 favorably to the full committee.

Policy Subcommittee met in executive session and heard F. F. Daley and C. S. McCarthy of Veterans' Administration, both of whom testified in connection with H. R. 1562, to increase amount of Federal aid to State homes.

The subcommittee agreed to report favorably to the full committee H. R. 4508, authorizing the Houston Council, Navy League of the United States, to construct a reflecting pool at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Houston, Tex.

EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met on H. R. 5470, to repeal provision of Anti-Inflation Act of December 30, 1947, which authorizes President to use price criteria in licensing of exports, and heard Representatives Ploeser and Hill testify in favor of removing price criteria as a basis for export licenses. David K. E. Bruce, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, appeared for the Department.

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns subcommittee on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute continued public hearings and heard Herbert K. Sorrell, business agent for Conference of Studio Unions. Hearings continue tomorrow.

CHICAGO PAROLES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Met in executive session and approved the following two reports:

Supplemental Report of the Fourth Intermediate Report, Investigation of Participation of Federal Officials of the Department of the Army in Publicity and Propaganda as It Relates to Universal Military Training.

Ninth Intermediate Report, Investigation of the Civil Service Commission Investigators' Leads File.

The committee conducted a public hearing on the investigation of the Chicago paroles and heard Maury Hughes, attorney of Dallas; Fred F. Rogers, member of the Parole Board; Francis T. O'Donnell, committee staff member; Tom Clark, Attorney General, and his assistant, Peyton Ford.

GREEK-TURKISH AID

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met on aid to Greece and Turkey and heard Secretary of State Marshall, Secretary of Defense Forrestal, and George C. McGhee, coordinator for aid to Greece and Turkey.

The committee met in executive session and received testimony from Major Generals McBride and Harper of the Department of the Army, and further testimony from George C. McGhee.

EXPENDITURE AND PRINTING AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on House Administration: Met in executive session and ordered the following resolutions reported to the House:

H. Res. 455, providing funds for continuing studies and investigations by the Committee on Armed Services.

H. Res. 478, providing \$25,000 additional to Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments for study and investigations with respect to disposition of surplus property.

H. Res. 479, amended to provide \$40,000 additional to Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments for study and investigations with respect to procurement and buildings.

H. Res. 484, providing \$200,000 additional for studies and investigations by the Committee on Un-American Activities.

H. Res. 469, amended to authorize the printing of 2,500 additional copies of House Report 1274 on reduction of individual tax payments.

H. Con. Res. 142, authorizing the printing of 1,000 additional copies each of parts 4 and 5 of the hearings relative to revenue revisions, 1947-48.

H. Con. Res. 143, amended to authorize the printing of 1,500 additional copies of the hearings on reduction of individual income taxes.

H. Con. Res. 144, amended, authorizing the printing of 5,000 additional copies each of the report and appendix of the Mundt subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Affairs relative to investigation of U. S. Information Service in Europe.

H. Con. Res. 151, authorizing the printing of the letter of the Secretary of Labor and the report on the economy of Hawaii in 1947 as a document.

The committee also approved a resolution setting May 17 as the day on which the House will hold memorial services for deceased Members.

Subcommittee on Elections met in executive session and later announced they will hold public hearings on March 16 on the Mankin-Davis election contest and on March 17 on the Lowe-Davis election contest.

EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continued public hearings on regulations of the Office of International Trade on export controls and heard J. Pintel, general manager, California Trading Co., Los Angeles, Calif.; W. H. Lukens, vice president, Hollingshead Corp., Camden, N. J.; Elster Copeland, representing the North American Export Grain Association, New York; J. F. McCrudden, Aberfoyle Manufacturing Co., Chester, Pa.; C. V. Nicholson, Dissdon Manufacturing Co.; Luther Winther, Continental Diamond Fibre Co., Bridgeport, Pa.; and Grant Thrall, of Dallagh & Thrall, Philadelphia, Pa.

SHIPPING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 1 met on H. R. 4619, to revise, codify, and enact into positive law title 46 of the United States Code entitled "Shipping," and heard the following witnesses: W. W. Barron, chief reviser, West Publishing Co., and Edward Thompson Co.; Meldrim Thomson, Jr., editor in chief, Edward Thompson Co.; Gilbert Johnson, Lake Carrier's Association; Chester C. Thompson, American Waterways Operators; Louis Harolds, National Maritime Union; Hoyt Haddock, CIO Maritime Committee; Walter E. Maloney, American Merchant Marine Institute and National Federation of American Shipping; James E. Moss, American Petroleum Institute; Myron H. Avery, admiralty counsel, Office of Judge Advocate General, Department of the Navy; Franklin Fort, Radner & Zito, special consultant to West Publishing Co., and Edward Thompson Co.; and Maxwell Opper, International Seafarers' Union.

Prior to the above hearing, Subcommittee No. 1 heard Representative Hobbs on H. R. 4560, to repeal the prohibition against the filling of a vacancy in the office of district judge in the northern district of Georgia; and H. J. Res. 334, giving the consent of Congress to the Compact on Regional Education entered into between the Southern States at Tallahassee, Fla., on February 8, 1948.

Subcommittee No. 2 met to consider various bills and ordered H. R. 238, extension of admiralty jurisdiction, reported favorably to the full committee with-amendments. Two bills were ordered adversely reported to the full committee: H. R. 614, conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to reopen the eminent domain case of John W. Parrish, trustee (John H. Bexton, substitute); and H. R. 1444, to amend the act to incorporate the Imperial Palace, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan.

Subcommittee on Claims met and agreed to recommend eight private bills favorably to the full committee; two will be reported adversely.

COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Met on H. R. 4976, relating to aids to navigation, and H. R. 4393, to provide for distribution, promotion, separation, and retirement of commissioned officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and heard Capt. A. Richman, Chief, Program and Planning, U. S. Coast Guard, on H. R. 4976; while Admiral Leo Colbert, Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey, was heard in connection with H. R. 4393. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL PAY RAISE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Rees subcommittee met on various Federal employees' pay-raise bills and heard testimony of 38 Members of Congress.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Public Lands met on various bills and heard Jacob Wasserman of the Bureau of Land Management testify in favor of H. R. 5244, regarding credit in connection with certain homestead entries for military or naval service rendered during World War II; H. R. 5071, extending public land laws to certain islands in the Red River; and H. R. 5555, amending act regarding sale of public lands by Secretary of Interior.

Maj. George Dysson, Maj. Frank A. Kirk, and Maj. Joseph R. BonDurant, appeared in behalf of H. R. 4722, authorizing use of surplus military real property at Fort Devens, Mass., Fort Logan, Colo., and Fort Lewis,

Wash., for national cemeteries.

L. O. Minear, representing American Cemetery Association, the National Cemetery Association, and the Western Cemetery Alliance, appeared in opposition to H. R. 4722. Following the presentation of the testimony, the subcommittee voted to favorably report to the full committee H. R. 4722 and H. R. 5244.

CLARK HILL RESERVOIR

Committee on Public Works: Continued public hearings on H. R. 3826, disposition of powerhouse of Clark Hill Reservoir project, and heard Willard W. Gatchell, principal attorney, and Roger B. McWhorter, chief engineer, both of the Federal Power Commission; and Charles A. Collier, vice president, Savannah River Electric Co.

RULES—ALASKA—FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

Committee on Rules: Heard Representatives Hall of New York, Bulwinkle, of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and Delegate Bartlett of Alaska, who favored a resolution to provide consideration for H. R. 3510, a bill to authorize the construction, protection, operation, and maintenance of a public airport in the Territory of Alaska. A resolution providing I hour of general debate was ordered reported.

Heard Representatives Gillie, Granger, and Worley, of the Committee on Agriculture, who favored a resolution providing consideration for H. R. 5008, a bill to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct research on foot-and-mouth disease and other diseases of animals. A resolution providing 1 hour of general debate, and waiving points of order against the bill was ordered

reported.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met on the recent cuts in personnel of the Veterans' Administration and received testimony from David P. Page, deputy administrator, Branch No. 2, and Dudley S. Dean, budget officer, Branch No. 2, both of the Veterans' Administration.

Joint Committee Meetings

D. C. RENT CONTROL

Joint Meeting: In joint session, subcommittees of the House and Senate D. C. Committees held hearings on S. 2195, extension of D. C. rent control, and received testimony for and against such legislation from various witnesses as follows: D. C. Commissioner Guy Mason favored for at least a year; Robert F. Cogswell, Rent Administrator, gave support except for hotels; Frank E. Weakly, president, Hotel Association of D. C., supported decontrol of hotels; F. Moran McConihe, president, Washington Real Estate Board, favored same controls as the national law; Frances Adams, Americans for Democratic Action; Gertrude Evans, Washington Industrial Union Council, CIO; and Mrs. S. Klafter, Washington League of Women Shoppers, favored control until 1950; Mrs. Lillian Ralph, favored; Annie Stein, Washington Committee for Consumer Protection; and Mrs. Frances Crystal, Women's Auxiliary, UPW, CIO, favored extension for 2 years instead of one; William F. Quinn, book salesman; and Edward Bindeman, Washington Housing Association, favored extension; Ernest Henry, Home Builders' Association of Metropolitan Washington, proposed at least decontrol of recent houses and conversions; Mrs. Walter Tobriner, District League of Women Voters, favored extension; and John Reilly, Washington Board of Trade, favored extension except for new construction, hotels, and transients.

The following witnesses opposed extension of rent control: Charles J. Bauer, Building Owners and Managers Association of Washington; Mrs. George H. Babbitt, National Service Star Legion, Inc.; E. H. Threadgill, local builder; and Mr. Chechak, home owner. Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, D. C. Federation of Women's Clubs, favored extension but with 15 percent increase. This concludes these hearings.

TIDELANDS

Joint Meeting: Subcommittees of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees continued hearings on S. 1988 and similar bills, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, and received testimony generally in opposition to the legislation from Attorney General Clark, continuing his testimony from yesterday, and Secretary of Interior Krug beginning his testimony today. Hearings continue tomorrow.

VETERANS' SUBSISTENCE

Conferees continued in executive session on S. 1393, to increase rate of allowance and compensation to veterans for training on the job, but made no announcement of action taken.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate on ERP.

House continued consideration of State, Justice, Commerce appropriation bill. Senate group, in effect, voted to approve President's Reorganization Plan No. 1. Bills on bankruptcy procedure and admiralty jurisdiction approved by House committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Fifteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2256 to S. 2270; and S. Res. 209.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. J. Res. 187, to utilize "section 32 funds" for exportation of surplus agricultural commodities under the foreign-aid program, referring to a provision of the Agricultural Adjustment Act providing for 30 percent of annual tariff revenues for use in expanding domestic and export outlets of agricultural surpluses (S. Rept. 966);

H. Con. Res. 131, expressing disapproval of the President's Reorganization Plan No. 1, which would transfer the USES and the Bureau of Employment Security to the Department of Labor, with functions of the Federal Security Administrator in both cases being transferred to the same Department (S. Rept. 967).

Minority report filed on S. 984, to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, or ancestry.

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European Recovery: Senate continued debate on S. 2202, to provide for a European recovery program, with the amendment by Senator Fulbright on unification of Europe remaining the pending question.

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Indians: Conference report on S. 1317, to give the Crow Indian Tribe power to manage certain lands, was adopted, thus clearing the bill for the President's signature.

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Railroad Reorganization: Insisted upon its amendments to H. R. 2298, Railroad Reorganization Act providing a procedure whereby the ICC may approve action by railroads not in bankruptcy to alter or modify their debt obligations, agreed to a conference, and appointed as conferees Senators Reed, Hawkes, and Myers.

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Committee Meetings

INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 5214, independent offices appropriations, with testimony on behalf of fiscal requirements of their respective agencies from Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Office of Selective Service Records; Robert K. McConnaughey, SEC; Robert E. Freer, FTC; Wayne Coy, George Sterling, and staff members, FCC; and Arthur S. Flemming, Civil Service Commission. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ARMED SERVICES CREDITS

Committee on Armed Services: Army, Navy, and Air Force witnesses appeared before the subcommittee in support of S. 905, to authorize crediting of moneys received from disposition of serviceable Army Air Force supplies, materials, and equipments, other than surplus property, to the applicable current Air Force appropriation, and S. 1786, to authorize crediting of moneys received from disposition of serviceable supplies, materials, and equipment of the Navy Department, other than surplus property, to applicable current appropriation of the Navy Department. After the hearings, the subcommittee recommended to the full committee that the two bills be referred to the Secretary of Defense with a view to consolidation and the inclusion of additional subject matter in the revised legislation.

CREDIT UNION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee opened hearings on S. 2225, to transfer administration of the Federal Credit Union Act to the FSA, with the following witnesses testifying in support of the legislation: Hubert Rhodes, manager of the Washington office of the Credit Union, National Association; Irving Jurow, and C. R. Orchard, both of the FDIC; and Senator Baldwin.

PRESIDENT'S REORGANIZATION PLAN NO. 1

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: By a vote of 9 to 4, the committee voted to report unfavorably H.

Con. Res. 131, expressing disapproval of the President's Reorganization Plan No. 1, transmitted to Congress by the President, transferring the USES and the Bureau of Employment Security to the Department of Labor, with functions of the Federal Security Administrator in both

cases being transferred to the same Department. This action, in effect, supports the President's Plan.

In an earlier session today the subcommittee recommended the above action to the full committee by a vote of 3 to 2.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Ten public bills, H. R. 5706-5715; seven private bills, H. R. 5716-5722; and three resolutions, H. J. Res. 339 and 340, and H. Con. Res. 154, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Six reports from the House Select Committee on Foreign Aid—

Report on Germany (H. Rept. 1500),

What western Europe can do for itself (H. Rept. 1501).

Inflation and methods of financing and foreign-aid program (H. Rept. 1502),

Governmental control powers affecting the foreignaid program (H. Rept. 1503),

Transportation as it affects the European recovery program (H. Rept. 1504), and

Report on Greece (H. Rept. 1505);

H. R. 4725, to confer jurisdiction on the several States over offenses committed by or against Indians on Indian reservations (H. Rept. 1506);

H. R. 4954, to authorize construction and maintenance, under Federal reclamation laws, of the Kennewick division of the Yakima project, Washington (H. Rept. 1507);

Report of investigation of Harold Christoffel and others as to whether perjury was committed before the Committee on Education and Labor (H. Rept. 1508);

H. R. 5287, to make publication of the first meeting notice, to creditors in bankruptcy cases, discretionary with the court instead of mandatory (H. Rept. 1509); and

Supplemental report on investigation of Federal officials in Department of the Army relative to publicity on universal military training (H. Rept. 1510).

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Foreign Ship Taxes: Passed H. R. 5448, to extend exemptions to earnings of aircraft under foreign registry, as now granted foreign-flag ships.

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News Vendors—Social Security: Passed H. R. 5052, clarifying Social Security Act relative to excluding newspaper and magazine vendors over age of 18 from employee-employer status of the act.

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Railroad Receivership: Disagreed with Senate amendments to H. R. 2298, a bill amending the Interstate Commerce Act providing for procedure to modify railroad financial structures, agreed to conference asked, and Representatives Wolverton, Leonard W. Hall, Gillette, Bulwinkle, and Harris were appointed as conferees.

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Crow Indians: Agreed to conference report on S. 1317, to provide for leasing of trusts and restricted lands on the Crow Indian Reservation, Mont., completing all legislative action.

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State, Justice, Commerce Appropriations: Considered H. R. 5607, the appropriation bill for the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, and the Judiciary. This measure, supplying more than \$500,000,000 for the operation of these agencies in the fiscal year 1949, was read for amendment.

All amendments offered to the bill were rejected except the following two:

The first, offered by Representative Stefan, added new language in the State Department's international information and education program providing that funds furnished by this section shall be available for payment to private organizations abroad in an attempt to widen the distribution and dissemination of moving pictures and newsreels from this country; and the second, offered by Representative Whittington, was to increase by \$170,000 the amount necessary for preparing and publishing national cotton statistics by the Director of the Census.

Further consideration of amendments was postponed until the next meeting, with an amendment offered by Mr. Wilson of Texas relative to terminating further work on the Fort Worth International Airport between Fort Worth and Dallas, Tex., pending before the House.

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Gen. Casimir Pulaski: Under a special order of the House, many Members spoke in observance of the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Gen. Casimir Pulaski, Polish general and American Revolutionary hero.

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Committee Meetings

SOIL CONSERVATION

Committee on Agriculture: Met on various bills reorganizing the administration and handling of soil-conservation activities in the Department of Agriculture and heard Everett T. Winter, vice president, Mississippi Valley Association, Omaha, Nebr.; Kent Leavitt, New York; R. M. Boswell, Texas; Lawrence McKinney, Indiana; Otis Tossett, North Dakota; Don Anderson, Iowa; Dan McKeon, Connecticut; George Heidrick, West Virginia; A. N. Chamness, California; A. Threlkeld, Kentucky; Albert Watson, Nebraska; W. Herbert White, North Carolina; W. A. Groom, Colorado; C. P. Anderson, Florida; and Edson E. Gifford, Vermont.

DISABILITY RETIREMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Legal Subcommittee continued public hearings on the disability retirement investigation and received the testimony of Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, Department of the Army.

Legal Subcommittee met on H. R. 4037, relating to commissary privileges and heard Mark E. Andrews, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Rear Adm. Edwin D. Foster, Department of the Navy.

EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met on H. R. 5470, to repeal provisions of anti-inflation act of December 30, 1947, which authorizes President to use price criteria in licensing of exports, and heard further testimony from David K. E. Bruce, Assistant Secretary of Commerce; also heard George F. Bauer, vice president, International Trade Section of the New York Board of Trade.

D. C. ARMORY

Committee on the District of Columbia: Judiciary Subcommittee met in executive session and heard Gen. Albert Cox, Commanding General of the National Guard and a representative of the Board of Trade, discuss control of the D. C. National Guard Armory. This concludes all testimony on this subject. The subcommittee is perfecting a bill which will define the authority of the D. C. Commissioners and the National Guard as to the armory.

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns subcommittee on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute continued public hearings and heard further testimony from Herbert K. Sorrell, business agent for Conference of Studio Unions assisted by his attorney, George Bodle. Hearings continue tomorrow.

CHICAGO PAROLES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Hoffman subcommittee continued public hearings on the investigation of the granting of paroles to four United States prisoners and heard Peyton Ford, Assistant to the Attorney General; Boris Kostelanetz, who handled prosecution of the case under which the men were convicted; Fred S. Rogers; and Daniel M. Lyons. Hearings continue on March 9.

CHINESE AID

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met on aid to China and heard Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, Director of Plans and Operations, General Staff, U. S. Army, testify in support of the proposed legislation. Committee also received testimony from Hon. Walter Robertson, a former chargé in the diplomatic service, who served in China.

SYNTHETIC FUELS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Conducted a public hearing on H. R. 5475, synthetic-fuel bill, and heard Dr. Wilburn C. Schroeder, Chief, Synthetic Fuels Branch, Bureau of Mines. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION—BANKRUPTCY

Committee on the Judiciary: Met in executive session and ordered the following bills favorably reported to the House:

H. R. 238, for the extension of admiralty jurisdiction (amended).

H. R. 5287, to amend the bankruptcy act to make publication of notice to creditors discretionary with the court.

The committee also voted to report to the House, eight private claims bills and tabled H. R. 614, conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to reopen the eminent domain case of John W. Parrish, trustee (John H. Bexton, substituted); H. R. 1444, to amend the act incorporating the Imperial Palace Dramatic Order, Knights of Khorrassan; and one private claim bill.

Subcommittee on Claims met in executive session on private claims measures but took no action.

PANAMA—COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on the Panama Canal met on H. R. 5104, to amend the Canal Zone Code for the purpose of incorporating the Panama Railroad Company, and heard testimony from Brig. Gen. Joseph C. Mehaffey, Governor of the Panama Canal.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service, met on H. R. 4393, Coast and Geodetic Survey Commissioned Officers Act of 1947, and heard Admiral Leo Colbert, Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey, following which the subcommittee ordered H. R. 4393 favorably reported to the full committee.

FEDERAL PAY RAISE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Rees Subcommittee met on various Federal employees' pay-raise bills and heard testimony of 33 Members of Congress.

ALASKA STATEHOOD—INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions met on various bills providing statehood for Alaska and voted to report favorably to the full committee H. R. 5666, to provide for the admission of Alaska, the forty-ninth State.

Subcommittee on Indian Affairs met on H. R. 5669, providing for adjustment of irrigation charges on the Flathead Indian irrigation project, Montana, and heard Herbert J. Slaughter, Office of the Solicitor, Department of the Interior, discuss the bill; following which the subcommittee ordered the bill reported to the full committee with an amendment.

VETERANS' HOUSING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met in executive session on various veterans' housing bills but took no definite action.

Joint Committee Meetings

TIDELANDS

Joint Meeting: Hearings were continued on S. 1988 and similar bills, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, with the subcommittees of the House

and Senate Judiciary Committees receiving testimony in support of bill from Irving M. Smith, city attorney for Long Beach; Fred S. LaBlanc, attorney general for Louisiana; Kenneth J. Griffith, reading a statement for Governor Folsom of Alabama; Representative Bradley; and Arthur W. Nordstrom, assistant city attorney for Los Angeles. Leland Olds, FPC, also testified. A joint statement in support of the legislation was filed by Kenneth C. Barranger and Henry C. Sevier, State legislators for Louisiana.

VETERANS' SUBSISTENCE

Conferees: After a conference on S. 1393, to increase the permitted rate of allowance and compensation in relation to veterans' subsistence grants, the conferees announced the following agreements: setting ceilings at \$210 for a veteran without dependents; \$270 for a veteran with one dependent; and \$290 for a veteran with two or more dependents. This would replace the present ceilings of \$175 and \$200 for a single veteran or a veteran with dependents.

The present 2-year limit on such training was retained. All overtime will be excluded in determining the ceiling.

A proportionate increase of the difference between the subsistence allowances for part-time trainees and the recently increased subsistence allowances for full-time trainees was adopted for those attending school on a part-time basis and those trainees in institutional on-the-farm training. The measure will become effective April 1, 1948. The report is in preparation and is expected to be filed before the end of the week.

Friday, March 5, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate on ERP, and passed synthetic-fuel bill.

House passed bills on State, Justice, Commerce appropriations and synthetic-rubber authority.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 2185-2187

Bills Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2271 to S. 2274; and S. J. Res.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1090, to safeguard and consolidate certain areas within the Superior National Forest, with amendment (S. Rept. 968).

S. 1871, to restore land to town site of Wadsworth, Nev. (S. Rept. 969).

Pages 2185-2186

Presidential Message: Received message recommending legislation to terminate WAA and to transfer its functions and also the Bureau of Federal Supply to the FWA, and to transfer the responsibility for liquidating the remaining surplus war property abroad from the State Department to the owning agencies—referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments.

Peges 2185, 2264-2266

Bills Referred: Two House-passed bills, passed on March 4, were referred to appropriate committees.

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European Recovery: Senate continued debate on S. 2202, to provide for a European recovery program, with the pending question remaining the amendment of Senator Fulbright, respecting political unification of Europe.

Pages 2187-2217

Synthetic Fuels: Passed without amendment, H. R. 2161, authorization of an additional \$30,000,000 for construction and operation of demonstration plants to produce synthetic liquid fuels from coal, oil shales, agricultural and forestry products, and other substances (in lieu of S. 134, a similar bill, which was priorly passed), thus clearing H. R. 2161 for the President's signature.

Pages 2217-2218

Nominations: Received the nomination of Lincoln MacVeagh, now Ambassador to Greece, to be Ambassador to Portugal, together with 34 promotions in the Regular Army.

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Committee Meetings

INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee concluded hearings on H. R. 5214, independent offices appropriations, after receiving testimony from the following witnesses in regard to funds for the respective agencies in behalf of which they testified: T. H. MacDonald, Public Roads Administration of the FWA; W. E. Reynolds, PBA; Dr. J. C. Hunsaker, and Dr. H. L. Dryden, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics; J. Bond Smith, Maryland Park and Planning Commission; Delegate Bartlett, of Alaska, for geophysic laboratory in Alaska; George Berger, National Federation of Small Business, and J. T. Sanders, National Grange, on funds for Council of Economic Advisers and the FTC; Senator Morse on funds for Council of Economic Advisers; and the following on funds for D. C. Development Land Agency and National Capital Park and Planning Commission: Rudolph Kaufman, Washington Board of Trade; C. Melvin Sharpe, American Planning Civic Association; Mrs. Monroe Burk, Voteless D. C. League of Women Voters; Everett L. Edmond, Marshall Heights Civic Association; W. D. Nixon, Federation of Civic Associations; Ulysses J. Banks, James C. Mason, and H. D. Woodson, Barry Farms Civic Association; Morris Miller, Citizens Council for Community Planning; Mrs. Samuel B. Brown, National Council of Jewish Women; Frederick Ballard, Washington Housing Association; Miriam Ziony, American Association of Social Workers; and Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

MEDICAL AND CADET DRILLS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee heard the following witnesses testify in support of S. 657, to provide that service as a cadet, midshipman, or aviation cadet shall be credited for pay and retirement purposes, in the case of military and naval personnel: Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, Chief of Naval Operations; Rear Adm. John W. Roper, Deputy Chief of Navy Personnel; Admiral Joseph F. Farley, Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard; Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul, Chief, Administration and Personnel, Department of the Army; Brig. Gen. E. A. Evans, Executive Director, Reserve Officers Association; and Capt. F. O. Willenbucher, USN (Ret.), Executive Vice President and Legal Counsel, Retired Officers Association. The subcommittee will consider the bill further in executive session.

The following witnesses testified in support of S. 1649, to authorize the payment of certain claims for medical care and treatment of Armed Services, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service personnel, furnished other than by activities of the Federal Government: Col. W. D. Graham, Surgeon General's Office, Department of the Army; and Lt. Comdr. Jack L. Kenner, Bureau of Naval Personnel. Lawrence L. Gourley, Legal Counsel, American Osteopathic Association, testified with reference to the inclusion of osteopaths in the bill. The subcommittee will recommend that the full committee take favorable action on H. R. 1275, companion bill to S. 1649.

INCOME-TAX REDUCTION

Committee on Finance: Committee continued hearings on H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill, reduction bill, receiving testimony in support of the bill from Don G. Mitchell, NAM, who stated that "H. R. 4790 is a step in the proper direction toward a thorough revision and readjustment of individual income-tax burden." Roswell McGill stated "as it appeared today, tax reduction of \$4 billion to \$6 billion is possible. I favor enactment of an individual income-tax reduction bill putting non-community-property taxpayers on an equal footing with community-property taxpayers and containing an increase in exemptions and some revision of rates." Walter P. Miller, Jr., National Paper Box Manufacturers Association, declared "if it is necessary to reduce the tax savings in the bill, and I hope it is not, I would like to make a special plea for those savings, particularly in the middle income brackets, from which capital formation must come." Paul J. Foley said "it therefore appears that it is the duty of Congress to terminate the discrimination immediately by abrogating division of community income for tax purposes." Samuel J. Foosaner, Federal Tax Lawyers' Committee, recommended that the estate and gift tax sections be

repealed with the enactment of the current tax-reduction law and the proposed estate and gift tax equalization provisions be studied further with a view of accomplishing both greater clarification and simplification." Samuel J. Silberstein, National Lawyers' Guild, told the committee that "economic considerations, as well as democratic and equitable principles of taxation, require the rejection of H. R. 4790."

INDIANS-ALASKA

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee concluded hearings on S. J. Res. 162, to rescind orders of Secretary of Interior establishing Indian reservations in Alaska, and S. 2037, transferring to Alaska the administration of laws relating to Indians, after receiving testimony from Secretary of Interior Krug, Oscar L. Chapman, Under Secretary of Interior, and Mastin G. White, Solicitor for Department of Interior, in response to a letter sent to the Department by Chairman

Butler. Rev. J. Earl Jackman, Presbyterian Churches of America, New York City, also appeared.

ANTIMONOPOLY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 104, antimonopoly bill, and received testimony in support of the legislation from John M. Blair, Chief, Division of Economics; William T. Kelley, General Counsel; and Walter B. Wooden, Associated General Counsel, all of the FTC. Their discussion was centered around the relation of corporate acquisitions by the U. S. Steel Co., and centralization of steel production, to the determination of steel prices. Hearings continue tomorrow.

LABOR EXTENSION COURSES

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee met in executive session on S. 1390, Department of Labor extension courses, but made no announcement. Further meetings will be held at a later date.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty public bills, H. R. 5723-5742; four private bills, H. R. 5743-5746; and six resolutions, H. Res. 493 and 494, H. J. Res. 341-343, and H. Con. Res. 155, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Eight private claims bills, H. R. 338, 1724, 2152, 3608, 3640, 3824, 4130, and 4266 (H. Repts. 1511–1518, incl.); H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 1519); and

Conference report on S. 1393, to raise ceilings on wages and allowances payable to veterans undergoing training on the job (H. Rept. 1520).

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Surplus War Property: Heard message from the President recommending legislation to affect transfer of the present functions of the War Assets Administration and the Bureau of Federal Supply to the Federal Works Agency. Referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments and printed as House Document No. 558.

Pages 2264–2266

Subpena: Adopted H. Res. 524, permitting compliance with subpena, served on Member, to appear as witness in the D. C. Federal District Court.

Pages 2224-2225

State, Justice, Commerce Appropriations: Passed, by voice vote, H. R. 5607, the appropriation bill supplying funds in the fiscal year 1949 to the Departments of State,

Justice, and Commerce, and the Judiciary. As sent to the Senate, the measure carries \$500,982,263 to carry on the activities of these four agencies in the year ending June 30, 1949. This amount is \$131,127,089 less than was allowed in the 1948 appropriation bill, and \$86,855,168 below the figure recommended in the 1949 Budget Bureau estimates.

Two amendments were adopted changing the amount originally reported by the Committee on Appropriations. One, proposed by Mr. Whittington, added \$170,000 to the \$3,729,000 appropriated to the Department of Census for costs necessitated in publishing cotton-ginning statistics; and the other, offered by Mr. Wilson of Texas, reduced by \$2,608,000 the amount of \$37,000,000 furnished for the Civil Aeronautics Administration. This change removed the funds to be spent by the CAA for the development of the Fort Worth International Airport in Texas.

Prior to final passage, the House rejected a motion, offered by Mr. Gary, to recommit the bill and instruct the committee to restore \$2,165,830 in the section providing for salaries and expenses of Foreign Service officers, and also restore the cut of \$6,378,000 made in the section providing for the "Voice of America."

Pages 2226-2251

Synthetic Rubber: Passed H. R. 5314, providing for maintenance of Government-owned synthetic-rubberproducing facilities, and giving the President power to exercise allocation and inventory controls over natural and chemical rubber, as well as impose necessary import and export restriction. This rubber act shall be effective from April 1, 1948, to June 30, 1950.

H. Res. 488, rule providing for consideration of this bill, was previously adopted.

Pages 2251-2264

Rural Mail Carriers: Disagreed to Senate amendment to S. 203, increasing maintenance allowance for rural mail carriers, agreed to conference asked, and appointed Representatives Rees, Cole (Mo.), Sadlak, Murray (Tenn.), and Lyle, as conferees.

Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Heselton, on homeheating fuel situation; Mr. Isacson, on the UN-Palestine question; and Mr. Smith of Ohio, on the European recovery program.

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Committee Meetings

SOIL CONSERVATION

Committee on Agriculture: Met on various bills reorganizing the administration and handling of soil-conservation activities in the Department of Agriculture and heard Clay Stackhouse, representative of the Western Reserve Chapter of the Friends of the Land, Ohio; Don Christie, Kansas; Mr. Tiffany, president of the Tennessee Association of Soil Conservation District; Leo Herald, chairman of Commissioners of Winneshiek County Soil Conservation Districts, Iowa; Everett Barr, chairman of the Nebraska Soil Conservation District Association; William R. Powell, vice president, Maryland Association of Conservation Supervisors; Albert S. Goss, Master of the National Grange; Rev. William H. Stauffer, Ohio; and J. T. Sanders, legislative counsel, the National Grange. Adjourned, subject to call of the Chair.

DISABILITY RETIREMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Legal Subcommittee met on investigation of disability retirements and heard Secretary of Defense Forrestal and Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, Department of the Army.

Pay and Administration Subcommittee met in executive session to work on the future program of the subcommittee.

EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met on H. R. 5470, to repeal provisions of anti-inflation act of December 30, 1947, which authorizes President to use price criteria in the licensing of exports, and heard Representative McDonough who presented a statement and testified in behalf of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce in favor of the bill. The committee also heard Gaylord C. Whipple, chairman, international trade committee, Illinois Manufacturers Association, and

Marvin Plake, representing the American-Pacific Enterprises of New York, both of whom testified in favor of the bill.

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns subcommittee on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute continued public hearings and heard further testimony from Herbert K. Sorrell, business agent for Conference of Studio Unions, assisted by his attorney, George Bodle. Hearings continue on March 9.

FOREIGN AID

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in executive session.

SYNTHETIC FUELS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Conducted a public hearing on H. R. 5475, synthetic-fuel bill, and heard Dr. Wilburn C. Schroeder, chief, Synthetic Fuels, Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior; A. C. Rubel, vice president, Union Oil Co., of California, Los Angeles, Calif.; Eugene Ayres, staff chemist, Gulf Research & Development Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Representative Bishop; Harvey J. Gunderson, member, Board of Directors, RFC; P. C. Keith, president, Hydrocarbon Research, Inc., New York City; Joseph H. Pursglove, Jr., president, Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.; E. C. Murphree, president, Standard Oil Development Co., New York City; and Commander R. C. Wing, Petroleum Board, Department of National Defense.

JUDICIAL

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 1 met in executive session and agreed to recommend favorably to the full committee, H. J. Res. 9, proposed amendment to the Constitution with respect to the election of President and Vice President (abolishing Electoral College system, etc.); and H. J. Res. 334, granting the consent of Congress to the Compact on Regional Education entered into between the Southern States at Tallahassee, Fla., on February 8, 1948.

Subcommittee No. 3 heard the following witnesses on S. 1077, to amend section 4450 of the Revised Statutes permitting Coast Guard officers to conduct disciplinary proceedings, etc.: Representative Latham, Capt. A. C. Richmond, and Capt. Henry T. Jewell of the Coast Guard. Hearings continue on March 10.

Subcommittee No. 4 heard Senator Knowland in support of S. 560, to prohibit the operation of gambling ships; and James V. Bennett, director of Federal Prisons, in support of S. 1648, to authorize the expenditure of income from Federal Prison Industries, Inc., for the

training of Federal prisoners. Glenn K. Schriver of the Senate Expenditures Committee also testified in connection with the latter bill.

PANAMA

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on the Panama Canal met on H. R. 5104, to amend the Canal Zone Code for the purpose of incorporating the Panama Railroad Company, and heard testimony from Brig. Gen. Joseph C. Mehaffey, Governor of the Panama Canal.

FEDERAL PAY RAISE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Rees Subcommittee met on various Federal employees' pay-raise bills and heard testimony of 20 Members of Congress. It is now estimated that approximately 200 Members of Congress have expressed approval of various bills providing salary increases for Federal employees.

LOYALTY

Committee on Un-American Activities: Conducted an open hearing relative to the recent findings of the Civil Service Loyalty Board, with reference to Dr. Condon of the Bureau of Standards, and heard John L. Towne, secretary to the Loyalty Board, Department of Commerce.

TAXES

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in public hearings and heard Representative Mitchell discuss his own bill, H. R. 5065, to exempt from admission tax, hospitalized servicemen and veterans, when admitted free.

In connection with H. R. 4028, making the general rule with respect to tax on income from sources within possessions of the United States applicable to income derived from Philippines after July 6, 1946. The committee received testimony from Representative Cole of New York, Mitchell B. Carroll, Felix Dayton, and Henry S. Townsend.

Joint Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AVENUE

Joint Meeting: In joint hearings by the subcommittees of the House and Senate District of Columbia Committees on S. 2040 and H. R. 5592, objections and exceptions to awards of damages and assessments of benefits growing out of condemnation proceedings for the extension

of Eastern Ave. in D. C.; Vernon West, Corporation Counsel for the District, testified in opposition to the proposed legislation.

The following citizens of the District of Columbia appeared in support of the measures: Henry W. Conneil, John Foster, Charles N. P. Anderson, Floyd W. Dudding, Mrs. Pauline Colt, Michael Mehalic, Morris A. Bealle, and Gertrude Gordon.

TIDELANDS

Joint Meeting: Subcommittees of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees continued hearings on S. 1988 and similar bills, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, receiving further testimony in support of the legislation from Arthur W. Nordstrom, assistant city attorney for Los Angeles; Leander I. Shelley, Port of New York Authority; Fred Howser, attorney general for California, reading a statement for Stuart Watson, California State Lands Commission; Senator Morse, on behalf of the Oregon Attorney General George Neuner; and Russell B. Brown, general counsel, Independent Petroleum Association of America. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: In executive session the committee discussed procedures under which the hearings on labor problems confronting the Atomic Energy Commission are to be held during next week.

Dr. E. U. Condon's letter to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy was also a subject of discussion.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of the Public Laws, see Digest, p. D129)

H. R. 1350, to amend the act to establish a National Archives of the U. S. Government. Signed March 3, 1948 (P. L. 428).

H. R. 4141, to amend the National Service Life Insurance Act by extending for 2 years the time within which eligible persons may apply for gratuitous insurance benefits. Signed March 3, 1948 (P. L. 429).

H. R. 5525, to provide a total of \$136,368,385 for urgent deficiency appropriations for 1948. Signed March 3, 1948 (P. L. 430).

H. J. Res. 231, providing for U. S. participation in the Caribbean Commission. Signed March 4, 1948 (P. L. 431).

Monday, March 8, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed 54 unobjected-to bills and continued debate on ERP, acting on various amendments.

House passed Labor-Federal Security appropriation bill and adopted conference report on raising veterans' on-job allowances.

Hearings on UMT voted by Senate group.

Export-licensing bill approved by House committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 2280-2285

Bills Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2275 to S. 2277; and S. Res. 210.

Pages 2281-2282

Bills Reported: One report was made as follows:

S. 2277, to amend the Surplus Property Act of 1944 so as to dispose of surplus real property to States, political subdivisions, and municipalities for public parks, etc. (S. Rept. 970).

Presidential Message: Received report by Secretary of State on operations of Department of State relating to educational exchange program with foreign countries—referred to Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pages 2280, 2339

Bills Referred: Two House-passed bills, passed on March 5, were referred to appropriate committees.

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Bills Passed: On call of the Calendar, 54 unobjectedto bills were passed as follows, of which 40 were private claims, and one private immigration:

Alien Fiancées: H. R. 4838, extending until December 31, 1948, the validity period of the act to facilitate admission into the U. S. of alien fiancés or fiancées of members of the U. S. armed forces, with amendments;

Apache Indians: S. 1468, providing for payment of \$50 to members of Mescalero Apache Indian Tribe;

Klamath Indians: H. R. 2502, to provide for the general welfare and advancement of the Klamath Indians in Oregon, with amendment;

Alaska Commissioners: H. R. 3973, compensation of commissioners for Alaska;

Glacier National Park: H. R. 4980, acquisition of certain lands within Glacier National Park in Montana;

Shasta National Forest: H. R. 3175, to add certain lands to the Shasta National Forest, Calif.;

Park Police: H. R. 3936, authorizing U. S. Park Police to make arrests within Federal reservations in D. C.;

Virgin Islands: S. 2081, to extend provisions of Federal Airport Act to the Virgin Islands, with amendments;

Great Lakes: H. R. 2293, amending the act to regulate navigation on the Great Lakes and tributaries, to insure greater safety for vessels and their crews, relating to range lights;

Bridge Act: S. 1651, to amend the General Bridge

Act of 1946 relative to toll charges;

Lake Chouteau: S. 1958, designating reservoir on Grand River at Fort Gibson, Okla., as Lake Chouteau; Superior National Forest: S. 1090, to safeguard and consolidate certain areas within the Superior National Forest, with amendment; and

Town Site: S. 1871, to restore land to town site of

Wadsworth, Nev.

Private Claims: The following private claims bills: H. R. 1298, H. R. 2012, H. R. 4331, H. R. 2373, H. R. 2374, H. R. 4541, S. 1654, S. 1263, H. R. 1131, S. 1164, H. R. 4570, H. R. 1654, S. 1588, S. 1875, H. R. 697, S. 69, S. 576, H. R. 1864, S. 148, S. 188, S. 1046, S. 1142, S. 1742, S. 1550, S. 969, S. 1331, H. R. 621, H. R. 1139, H. R. 1929, H. R. 3742, S. 1307, H. R. 993, S. 1630, H. R. 408, S. 1312, H. R. 3964, S. 182, H. R. 431, H. R. 2268, and H. R. 1152;

Immigration: The following private immigration bill: S. 675.

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Cleared for President: Of the bills passed above, the following were cleared for the White House: H. R. 1298, H. R. 2012, H. R. 4331, H. R. 2373, H. R. 2374, H. R. 4541, H. R. 1131, H. R. 4570, H. R. 1654, H. R. 697, H. R. 1864, H. R. 3973, H. R. 4980, H. R. 3175, H. R. 3936, H. R. 621, H. R. 1139, H. R. 1929, H. R. 3742, H. R. 2293, H. R. 993, H. R. 408, H. R. 3964, H. R. 431, H. R. 2268, and H. R. 1152.

European Recovery: Senate continued consideration of S. 2202, to provide for a European recovery program. The Fulbright amendment, concerning political unification of Europe, was withdrawn. Senator Knowland's amendment barring export to nonparticipating European countries of any commodity if Secretary of

Commerce determines supply of same is insufficient to fill needs of participating countries, unless he determines such export to be in national interest of U. S., was unanimously adopted; the Knowland amendment providing that 50 percent of tonnage of commodities procured within U. S. be transported on U. S. ships, was unanimously adopted; a similar amendment by Senator Brewster was then withdrawn. It defeated, 19 yeas to 53 nays, the Ball amendment stipulating that agreements with participating countries shall provide for establishment of rates of exchange reflecting the relative purchasing power of their currencies rather than the term "valid rate of exchange" as used in the bill.

Pages 2285-2287, 2297-2329

Nominations: The following nominations were received: 8 in the Regular Army, 7 in the Navy, 60 in the Air Force, and 2 civilians; and 4 postmaster withdrawals.

Pages 2329-2330

Committee Meetings

MARKETING AGREEMENTS-NUTS AND FRUITS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: The following witnesses testified before the subcommittee in favor of S. 2173, amending the AAA relating to marketing agreements and orders affecting almonds, filberts, pecans, walnuts, and citrus fruits: Senator Morse; Marvin H. Walker, general manager, Florida Citrus Commission, Lakeland; Dr. Wayne Reitz, economic council, United Growers and Shippers Association, Orlando; and Counts Johnson, representing the Florida Producers of Citrus Trade Association. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Michael W. Straus, Commissioner, and Kenneth W. Markwell, Assistant Commissioner, both of Bureau of Reclamation, together with various assistants of the same Bureau, continued their testimony before the subcommittee on reclamation projects on the Friant-Kern canal of the Central Valley project. Hearings were adjourned subject to call of the chair.

UMT AND SURPLUS LAND (FORTS)

Committee on Armed Services: Committee agreed unanimously to commence open hearings on universal military training within the next 10 days or 2 weeks, after receiving testimony in closed session in support of such legislation by James V. Forrestal, Secretary of Defense; Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary of the Army; John L. Sullivan, Secretary of the Navy; W. Stuart Symington, Secretary of the Air Force; Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Army Chief of Staff; Admiral Louis E. Den-

feld, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Carl Spaatz, Air Force Chief of Staff.

Subcommittee, in connection with S. Con. Res. 31, reported to the full committee a new bill to amend the Surplus Property Act of 1944, relative to the disposition of certain lands for permanent structures now under the jurisdiction of the Army (primarily concerning particular historic forts throughout the U. S.). This new bill was then reported by the full committee. See bills reported S. 2277 (S. Rept. 970).

Committee voted to report favorably various Army,

Navy, and Air Force nominations.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INSURANCE

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee held hearings on H. R. 3998, regulating casualty insurance rates in the District of Columbia, and received testimony from the following witnesses: Representative Ploeser; Albert F. Jordan, Superintendent, D. C. Insurance Department; Robert B. Ely 3d, assistant counsel, Indemnity Insurance Co. of North America; and Howard M. Starling, manager, Washington office, Association of Casualty and Surety Companies, all in favor of the legislation, but with amendments; Lloyd Harrison, special assistant to D. C. Corporation Counsel, testified in support; and A. B. Gruhn, general manager, American Mutual Alliance, Chicago, opposed certain sections of the bill.

INCOME-TAX REDUCTION

Committee on Finance: Committee continued its hearings on H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill, with George J. Schoeneman, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, expressing the views of the Bureau respecting the bill. The following witnesses testified in favor of the income-splitting provisions of H. R. 4790, advocating the repeal of the 1942 community property estate and gift tax amendments: William A. Sutherland, American Bar Association; Allan H. W. Higgins, Committee on Equalization of Taxes in Community Property and Common Law States; J. P. Jackson, State Rights Association; James B. Howe, Washington State Citizens Committee on Community Income and Estate Taxes; Charles E. Dunbar, Jr., Louisiana Community Property Taxpayers Committee; and Clint E. Pierson.

Russ Nixon, UE-CIO, stated "Taxes should be taken to the greatest extent possible from income which is surplus to the needs of human subsistence. The Dingell bill, H. R. 4790, is a step in the right direction." Stanley H. Ruttenberg, assistant director of Research, CIO, declared "Now is the time for proper and adequate tax relief to low income individuals. The CIO urges that families be required to file mandatory joint returns where the income is earned solely by the head of the family. Income-splitting discriminates against heads of

families with no spouse present in the household, low bracket taxpayers, and single individuals." Hearings continue tomorrow.

ANTIMONOPOLY

Committee on the Judiciary: On Saturday, March 6, the subcommittee received testimony in favor of S. 104, antimonopoly bill, from the following witnesses: Senator O'Mahoney; Thomas Hewes, attorney of Lyme, Conn.; John Sonnett, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and William T. Kelley, general counsel, Walter B. Wooden, associate general counsel, John M. Blair, Chief, Division of Economics, and Lynn C. Paulson, Assistant Chief of Division of Antimonopoly, Bureau of Litigation, all of the FTC.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee opened hearings on S. 1290, to aid the States in providing for maintenance of school health services, to be known as the National School Health Service Act of 1947, with the following witnesses expressing their views on such proposed legislation; Senators Lodge and Saltonstall; Oscar Ewing, Administrator of FSA; Martha M. Eliot, Associate Chief of Children's Bureau, Social Security Administration; Dr. Reginald M. Atwater, executive secretary, American Public Health Association, New York; and Ben M. Williams, NEA. Mr. Ewing submitted proposed amendments to the bill, which were also discussed by several of the witnesses. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventeen public bills, H. R. 5747-5763; six private bills, H. R. 5764-5769; and one resolution, H. Res. 495, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. J. Res. 242, to issue land patent in Jefferson County, Ill. (H. Rept. 1521);

H. R. 2418, private relief bill (H. Rept. 1522); and H. R. 238, extending admiralty jurisdiction relative to maritime-tort claims (H. Rept. 1523). Page 2361

U. S.-China Agreement: Received message from President transmitting report of Secretary of State containing agreement between the United States and China for use of \$20,000,000 to be made available by sale of certain surplus war property for research, instruction, and exchange of professional talents through educational contacts, and to establish the U. S. Educational Foundation in China. Referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments and printed as House Document 562.

Veterans' Subsistence Allowance: Adopted the conference report (H. Rept. 1520), on S. 1393, to raise ceilings on wages and allowances payable to veterans undergoing training on the job, and sent it to the Senate.

Pages 2337-2339

Labor-FSA Appropriations: Passed, by voice vote, H. R. 5728, the appropriation bill for Department of Labor and the Federal Security Agency in fiscal year of 1949. Also included in this measure are the NLRB, National Mediation Board, Railroad Retirement Board, and Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

All amendments to alter the amounts supplied for these activities were rejected, and the bill, carrying a total of \$1,017,851,000 was sent to the Senate as reported by the House Committee on Appropriations. This total amount contains \$905,405,250 for expenses and salaries of these agencies and \$112,445,750 for contract authorizations of FSA.

By a vote of 40 yeas to 119 nays, defeated an amendment offered by Mr. Marcantonio to prohibit grants to States for educational and other institutions which discriminate on the basis of race, creed, or color.

Pages 2339-2357

Special Orders: Under a special order, Mr. Rich addressed the House on the subject of U. S. foreign policy and relief program.

Poges 2358-2360

Committee Meetings

OLEOMARGARINE

Committee on Agriculture: Met on bills relating to tax on oleomargarine and heard A. Lee M. Wiggins, Under Secretary of the Treasury, and Representatives Poage and Rivers, all of whom appeared in favor of legislation repealing the tax on oleomargarine.

OIL—DISABILITY RETIREMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil met in open hearings and heard William H. Lyons, consulting engineer, Federal Power Commission; and later in executive session received the testimony of Robert Eakens, Acting Chief, Petroleum Division, State Department.

The Legal Subcommittee continued open hearings on disability retirement investigation and heard Maj. Gen.

John E. Dahlquist, Department of the Army; Commander David Martineau, Navy Department; Lt. Col. Rufus Hardy Holliday, Air Forces; and Brig. Gen. E. D. W. Danforth, president of the Secretary of the Army's Disability Review Board.

EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met in executive session on H. R. 5470, the removal of price criteria as a factor in the granting of export licenses, and voted to favorably report the bill to the House.

GSI STRIKE

Committee on Education and Labor: March 6, Hoffman subcommittee met on the progress of the settlement negotiations of the GSI strike and heard George E. Strong, Government-appointed conciliator; Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant III, National Capital Park and Planning Commission; and John W. Cross, attorney, and R. R. Ayers, general manager, both of Government Services, Inc.

AID TO CHINA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met on aid to China and heard Lowell W. Rooks, Director-General, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration; Maj. Gen. Glenn Edgerton, U. S. Army; and M. Harlan Cleveland, former chief, UNRRA mission to China.

In executive session the committee heard Rear Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Concluded public hearings on H. R. 4903, H. R. 5188, and H. R. 5200, to amend section 32 of the Trading With the Enemy Act, and heard Representative Buck, sponsor of H. R. 4903; John L. Howland, of Rathbone, Perry, Kelley & Drye, New York City; Harrison E. Wemett, of Anderson & Wemett, New York City; and Richard D. Daniels and Henry F. Butler, attorneys of Washington, D. C., all of whom appeared in favor of the proposed legislation; Ben Ivan Melnicoff and William E. Lehy, attorneys of Washington, D. C., appeared in support of H. R. 5188 and H. R. 5200, with suggested amendments, but opposed H. R. 4903.

PATENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights heard the following witnesses on H. R. 3929, to amend the patent laws so as to protect the United States in certain instances: Hon. Fritz G. Lanham, former Representative; Karl Fenning, Washington patent attorney; and Roy C. Hackley, Patents Division, Department of Justice.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization met and agreed to recommend favorably to the full committee, three private bills and one public bill, H. R. 5137, amended to give nonquota status for alien husbands of American citizens, if marriage occurred prior to January 1, 1948.

AIR MAIL PARCEL POST

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met on H. R. 5090, providing for extension of air mail postal service (parcel post), and heard Steve F. Kirby, chairman, postal service committee, National Industrial Traffic League, Chicago, Ill.; Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson, Post Office Department; Robert Ramspeck, executive vice president, Air Transport Association of America, Washington, D. C.; and John W. Moore, assistant to the director of Airport Development, the Port of New York Authority, New York City. Hearings continue on March 15.

HAWAII

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions met on H. R. 4091, ratifying Act 237 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1947; H. R. 3680, H. R. 3633, and H. R. 5173, all amending various sections of Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920; and H. R. 3701, to repeal portion of section 203 of Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; and heard C. J. Henderson, vice president, Wahiawa Water Co., Honolulu, testify in behalf of H. R. 4091.

Victor S. Kaloaloha, former Delegate from Hawaii, and Daniel Ainou, of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, both testified in behalf of H. R. 3680, H. R. 3633, and H. P. 3752

and H. R. 5173.

Lester Marks, lands commissioner, Territory of

Hawaii, appeared in behalf of H. R. 5173.

Later the subcommittee ordered H. R. 4091, H. R. 3680, H. R. 3633, and H. R. 5173, reported to the full committee. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RIVERS AND HARBORS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors met on Omnibus River and Harbor bill and heard Col. Wayne S. Moore, resident member, Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, Department of Army; and Representatives Hardy, Thompson, Engel of Michigan, Fellows, Sikes, Lyle, and Hale; and Senator Morse.

The committee also heard S. P. McConnell, Norfolk, Va., Association of Commerce; John M. Wallach, assistant traffic manager, Chilean Nitrate Sales Corp.; H. V. C. Wade, director of port, State Port Authority of Virginia; R. L. Nelligar, commerce agent, State Port Authority of Virginia; Leslie L. Fry, Jr., Portsmouth, Va., Chamber of Commerce; and Byrd Harris, director of port of Corpus Christi, Tex.

CORPORATION TAXES

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session on H. R. 4279, to amend the Internal Revenue Code with respect to charitable donations by corporations and

later announced approval of the bill in principle and recommended inclusion of appropriate provisions in the next tax revision bill.

Joint Committee Meetings

TIDELANDS

Joint Meeting: Subcommittees of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees continued hearings on S. 1988 and similar bills, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, receiving further testimony in support of the bills from Fred Howser, attorney general for California, and Walter R. Johnson, attorney general for Nebraska. Former Secretary of Interior Ickes appeared in opposition to the bill.

On Saturday, March 6, the subcommittees heard the following witnesses: Representatives Hobbs and Boggs; Walter S. Hallanar, president, Plymouth Oil Co.; Ralph W. Farris, attorney general for Maine; Walter R. Johnson, attorney general for Nebraska; Robert Lee Bobbitt, former attorney general for Texas; Senator Cordon; and Price Daniel, attorney general for Texas. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee met in executive session to consider the charges which have been made against Dr. E. U. Condon, for alleged associations with foreign agents, as reported in the newspapers. Committee begins hearings on labor problems tomorrow.

RURAL MAIL CARRIERS

Conferees reached an agreement to file conference report on S. 203, increasing the allowance made to rural mail carriers for use and maintenance of their equipment. As agreed upon the bill would provide for a 1-cent per mile increase to rural mail carriers for the next 2 years.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of the Public Laws, see Digest, p. D147)

S. 1252, making certain changes in the organization of the Navy Department. Signed March 5, 1948 (P. L. 432).

S. 1961, extending exemption to certain Navy or Coast Guard vessels from complying with rules of the road, regarding lights. Signed March 5, 1948 (P. L. 433).

H. R. 2159, to authorize sewage-disposal system to serve Yorktown area of Colonial National Historical Park. Signed March 5, 1948 (P. L. 434).

H. J. Res. 61, to provide for designation of the Park River Dam and Reservoir project in North Dakota. Signed March 5, 1948 (P. L. 435).

Tuesday, March 9, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate on ERP.

House voted funds for Committee on Un-American Activities and passed Army Reservists' training pay bill.

House group ordered bills amending naturalization qualifications to be favorably reported.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2278 to S. 2283.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 3506, to acquire a site for Federal building in Huntington, W. Va. (S. Rept. 971).

H. R. 4836, to provide for purchase of new site for Federal building in Omaha (S. Rept. 972).

H. R. 4967, to acquire site for post office in Portland, Oreg. (S. Rept. 973).

Bill Referred: One House-passed bill, passed on March 8, was referred to appropriate committee.

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European Recovery: Debate was continued on S. 2202, to provide for a European recovery program.

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Confirmations: 1,791 sundry military appointments in grades below that of general and admiral were confirmed.

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Committee Meetings

MARKETING AGREEMENTS-NUTS AND FRUITS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 2173, amending the AAA relating to marketing agreements and orders affecting almonds, filberts, pecans, walnuts, and citrus fruits, and received testimony in support of the bill from the following witnesses: John Ford, executive secretary, Florida Farm Bureau Federation, Orlando; J. C. Morton, Florida Farm Bureau Citrus Division, Waverly; L. L. Recker, Adams Packing Association, Auburndale; A. V. Saurman, chairman, Growers Administrative Committee of the Florida Federal Citrus Marketing Agreement, Clearwater; Loren Williams, president, Rio Grande Valley Farm Bureau, Mission, Tex.; and Karl D. Loos, representing the Texsun and California Fruit Growers Exchange, Calif., the Almond Growers Exchange, and the Northwest Nut Growers. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ARMY CIVIL FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee held hearings on H. R. 5524, Army civil functions appropriation bill, receiving testimony from the following witnesses: Lt. Gen. R. A. Wheeler, Chief of Engineers; Brig. Gen. R. C. Crawford, Deputy Chief of Engineers; and Col. P. A. Feringa, Assistant Chief of Engineers for Civil Works, all of the Department of the Army. Subcommittee continues tomorrow.

INCOME-TAX REDUCTION

Committee on Finance: Committee continued hearings on H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill, and received testimony from Secretary of Commerce Harriman to the effect that "our economy is still in an inflationary situation and sound policy demands that the level of taxation be maintained"; Ellsworth C. Alvord, U. S. Chamber of Commerce, stated that "if we are to become progressively stronger we must cut Federal expenditures drastically and reduce tax burden"; Dr. Willford I. King, Committee for Constitutional Government, gave an analysis of the relationship of income-tax rates and revenues; Ralph W. Button, National Retail Dry Goods Association, declared "we are completely in sympathy with the basic principles of H. R. 4790 and with certain reservations recommend its enactment"; Lloyd C. Halvorson, National Grange, stated that "the best way to reduce taxes would be a uniform point reduction in the rate at income levels"; Judd C. Benson, National Association of Life Underwriters, told the committee that "the present income-tax rates impose a burden on earnings which makes it extremely difficult for taxpayers in this position to own an amount of life insurance sufficient to liquidate the estate and inheritance tax obligations in the event of their untimely death"; and

Homer Strong said "the tax bill passed by the House should be approved by the Senate."

The committee is scheduled to conclude hearings on this bill tomorrow.

INDIANS-NEW YORK

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee opened hearings on S. 1683, conferring jurisdiction on the courts of New York State over offenses committed on Indian reservations within that State, S. 1686, settlement of obligations of the U. S. to Indians of the Six Nations of New York under the treaty of November 11, 1794, and S. 1687, conferring jurisdiction on New York State courts with respect to civil actions between Indians or to which Indians are parties, receiving testimony from William Zimmerman, Acting Commissioner, and T. H. Haas, Chief Counsel, both of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and William Benge, Superintendent of the New York Agency.

The following testified against the bills: August Merrill, Utica, N. Y.; Calvin John, president, Seneca Nation at Redhouse, N. Y.; Alice Lee Jemison, Washington, D. C.; L. G. Stillman, Troy, N. Y.; Chief Alex White, St. Regis, N. Y.; Chief Harry Patterson, Lewiston, N. Y.; Andrew Beechtree, representing Oneida Tribe; Chief Freeman Johnson, Rochester, N. Y.; and Alton Greer, Tuscarora.

The following testified for the bills: Moses J. White, Hogansburg, N. Y.; Leighton T. Wade, Joint Legislative Committee on Indian Affairs, New York State; and Louis R. Bruce, Richfield Springs, N. Y. Hearings continue tomorrow.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee heard J. Monroe Johnson, ICC Commissioner, testify in support of S. 1812, to establish a Department of Transportation. Also testifying was William C. Foster, Under Secretary of Commerce, who stated "while we have certain serious reservations as to the timeliness and adequacy of this proposed legislation, we are basically sympathetic to its essential objectives and general approach." Hearings continue tomorrow.

WAR CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 4044, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act relative to setting up a Commission to study and recommend to Congress types of claims which should be charged against enemy funds, and to provide further as to use of Japanese funds as immediate compensation for period of detention of civilian internees on American sovereign soil, receiving testimony from Representatives Van Zandt and Beckworth, and Clarence G. Adamy, National Service Director for the AMVETS, generally in support of the bill; but they

wanted it broadened to give immediate relief to former POW's. Mrs. Mary Ward, president, Workers of Wake, Guam, and Midway, wanted the bill amended to include civilian workers who were captured on Wake, Guam, and Midway.

Subcommittee continued in evening session (met at 7:15 p. m.).

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee concluded hearings on S. 1290, to aid the States in providing for maintenance of school health services, to be known as the National School Health Service Act of 1947, after the following witnesses expressed their views on the proposed legislation: Senator Saltonstall; Dr. James R. Miller, board of trustees, American Medical Association, Hartford, Conn.; Dr. Vlado A. Getting, State Commissioner of Public Health, Boston; Dr. John P. Hubbard, director, Academy of Pediatrics, Washington, D. C.; and Clyde A. Erwin, superintendent of pub-

lic instruction, State of North Carolina, on behalf of the National Council of Chief State School Officers.

PAY INCREASES FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Committee met in executive session to consider S. 1537, omnibus pay increase bill for Government employees, but made no announcement of action taken. Committee meets again Thursday.

FEDERAL BUILDINGS—WILDER DAM

Committee on Public Works: The committee, in executive session, ordered reported the following four bills: H. R. 3506, to acquire a site for Federal building in Huntington, W. Va.; H. R. 4836, to provide for purchase of new site for Federal building in Omaha; H. R. 4967, to acquire site for post office in Portland, Oreg.; and S. J. Res. 155, rescinding an order of the FPC authorizing redevelopment of the Wilder Dam project, with amendment.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty public bills, H. R. 5770-5789; five private bills, H. R. 5790-5794; and five resolutions, H. Res. 496 and 497, and H. J. Res. 344-346, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Eight private bills, H. R. 761, 814, 1308, 2264, 3113, 3805, 4048, and 5208 (H. Repts. 1524-1531, inclusive);

H. R. 5770, Treasury-Post Office Department appro-

priation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 1532);

Conference report on S. 203, to increase the equipment maintenance of rural carriers 1 cent per mile for 2 years (H. Rept. 1538);

H. J. Res. 323, to place 30-day embargo on exports of petroleum and petroleum products (H. Rept. 1539);

H. R. 5065, to exempt hospitalized service personnel and veterans from admissions taxes (H. Rept. 1540);

S. 1006, to increase acreage of sodium leases under the terms of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (H. Rept. 1541);

H. R. 183, to transfer U. S. property to the city of

Fairbanks, Alaska (H. Rept. 1542); and

H. R. 5470, to remove price criteria as a factor in the granting of export licenses (H. Rept. 1543).

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Bills Referred: Twenty-five Senate-passed bills, passed on March 8, were referred to appropriate committees.

Un-American Activities: Adopted, by a vote of 337 to 37, H. Res. 484 (H. Rept. 1533), to provide additional \$200,000 for studies and investigations of the Committee on Un-American Activities.

Military Studies: Adopted H. Res. 455 (H. Rept. 1534), to provide funds to continue studies of the Committee on Armed Services.

Pages 2414-2415

Procurement—Buildings: Adopted H. Res. 479 (H. Rept. 1535), to provide additional \$40,000 for studies by the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, with respect to procurement and buildings.

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Surplus Property: Adopted H. Res. 478 (H. Rept. 1536), to provide additional \$25,000 for studies by the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, with respect to disposition of surplus property.

Income-Tax Report: Adopted H. Res. 469 (H. Rept. 1537), to authorize printing of 2,500 additional copies of House Report 1274, on reduction of individual income taxes.

Pages 2415-2416

Rules: Adopted H. Res. 486 and 487, rules providing 2 hours' general debate and consideration of amendments to H. R. 3227, training and pay bill of Organized Reserve Corps, and H. R. 2744, retirement and benefits bill for the Army of the United States, respectively.

Pages 2416-2417, 2433

Reservists' Training Pay: Passed S. 1174, to standardize inactive training pay for all Reserve components of the various services and also to grant such inactive duty training pay to Army Reservists.

The text of H. R. 3227, a companion measure which was laid on the table, was inserted as an amendment to the Senate bill.

Pages 2416-2432

Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Lynch, on the Palestinian arms embargo; Mr. Lane, on the unification of Ireland; and Mr. Holifield, on Dr. E. U. Condon, atomic scientist.

Pages 2433-2443

Committee Meetings

OLEOMARGARINE

Committee on Agriculture: Met on various bills relating to tax on oleomargarine, and heard Representatives Corbett, sponsor of H. R. 5292; Buck, sponsor of H. R. 4470; Mitchell, sponsor of H. R. 5284; and Twyman, sponsor of H. R. 5243; all pertaining to the tax on margarine.

The committee also heard Dr. Harry J. Deuel, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif.; David G. Wing, Ohio; John Evans, Minnesota; Howard Roach, Iowa; and George Strayer, secretary, American Soy Bean Association, Iowa, all of whom favored repeal of tax.

OIL

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil continued public hearings and received testimony of Critchell Parsons, president and general manager, Engineer Development Co., of Dallas, Tex., relative to turbo-drill development.

Legal Subcommittee met in executive session.

RENT CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met in executive session on S. 2182, extending rent control until April 30, 1949.

GSI STRIKE-HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: March 8, Hoffman Subcommittee met on the progress of GSI strike negotiations in an evening session to receive testimony of John R. Steelman, Presidential Aide, but hearing was continued to Tuesday morning when Mr. Steelman failed to appear.

March 9, Hoffman Subcommittee met and heard Deputy U. S. Marshal, William T. Smith, describe his personal service of subpena on John R. Steelman, Presidential Aide.

Kearns Subcommittee on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute continued public hearings and heard further testimony from Herbert K. Sorrell, business

agent for Conference of Studio Unions, assisted by his attorney, George Bodle. Hearings continue tomorrow.

CHICAGO PAROLES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Hoffman Subcommittee continued public hearings on the investigation of the granting of paroles to four United States prisoners and heard John Pickering of Chicago; Paul Dillon; Boleslau Monkiewicz, member of the Board of Parole; Walter K. Yurich, U. S. parole executive; F. J. Curry; William Heeney; and Daniel M. Lyons.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in executive session.

PENDING INTERSTATE BILLS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Conducted a public hearing for sponsors of bills now pending before the Committee and heard—

Mr. Wrisley on H. R. 5664, amending the Interstate

Commerce Commission Act;

Mr. Bartlett on H. R. 5665, amending the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938;

Mr. Dolliver on H. R. 5644, aiding States to create

and maintain local public health units; and

Mr. Priest on H. R. 5583, amending the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937, and H. R. 5678, aiding States to create and maintain local public health units.

The Committee also heard Dr. Walter M. W. Splawn, commissioner, Interstate Commerce Commission, on H. R. 5623, amending the Interstate Commerce Act.

NATIONALITY—ALIEN HUSBANDS

Committee on the Judiciary: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the House:

H. R. 2286, with amendments, to amend the Nationality Act of 1940 in three respects: Applicants for naturalization under 50 years of age are required to be able to read the English language; the oath of allegiance changed to include willingness to bear arms in defense of the United States, if necessary; and to provide a uniform 5-year residence requirement for naturalization.

H. R. 5137, with amendments, to amend the Immigration Act to grant nonquota status for alien husbands of American citizens if marriage occurred prior to January 1, 1048.

Also reported three private immigration bills.

PANAMA

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on the Panama Canal met and heard R. M. Lovelady, American Federation of Government Employees, and Walter J. Jones, Washington legislative representative, Central Labor Union and Metal Trades Council of the Panama Canal Zone, on H. R. 2817, amending the Panama Canal Zone Code.

Subcommittee also heard William L. Ellis, Harold S. Morse, and Robert S. Brumagim, of the General Accounting Office.

FEDERAL PAY RAISE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met on various Federal employees' pay-raise bills and heard James B. Byrnes, national president, American Federation of Government Employees; Luther C. Steward, president, National Federation of Federal Employees; Arthur Stein, United Public Workers of America; A. R. Thompson, National Association of Employees of Collectors of Internal Revenue; and Sam Kosten, national representative, American Post Office Employees, Inc., all of whom favored the legislation.

HAWAII

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions met on various Hawaiian bills and heard A. Lester Marks, Land Commissioner, Territory of Hawaii, testify in behalf of the following 3 bills:

H. R. 4411, amending section 73 of Hawaiian Organic Act relative to homesteads.

H. R. 3635, ratifying sections 1 and 2 of Joint Resolution No. 7 enacted by territorial legislature.

H. R. 5498, amending section 73 of Hawaiian Organic Act relative to leases.

The subcommittee ordered H. R. 3635 favorably reported to the full committee, along with the following bills: H. R. 3954, approving Session Laws of 1947; H. R. 5175, confirming act relating to issuance of public improvement bonds.

PUBLIC WORKS-STEEL

Committee on Public Works: Met in executive session and agreed to favorably report to the House S. 1306, relating to the construction and disposition of the San Jacinto-San Vicente aqueduct.

Macy Subcommittee investigating questionable trade practices met in executive session to ascertain the amount of idle facilities capable of producing any appreciable tonnage of steel and heard Walter S. Tower, president, Iron and Steel Institute, discuss the number and availability of idle steel-producing facilities.

R. W. Wolcott, president, Lukens Steel Co., also appeared and discussed the scrap-steel situation.

LOYALTY

Committee on Un-American Activities: Special Subcommittee met in executive session relative to the recent findings of the Department of Commerce Loyalty Board, with reference to Dr. E. U. Condon, Director of the Bureau of Standards, and heard Oliver C. Short and Adrian Fisher, both members of the loyalty board, also heard John L. Towne, secretary to the board. Hearings continue tomorrow.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met on the recent cuts in personnel of Veterans' Administration and received testimony from George H. Sweet, Assistant Administrator for Personnel, and Sam Moore, Budget Officer, both of the Veterans' Administration.

Joint Committee Meetings

ATOMIC ENERGY—LABOR

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee opened hearings on labor problems confronting the Atomic Energy Commission with Chairman of the AEC David E. Lilienthal discussing its labor-management problems. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TIDELANDS

Joint Meeting: Subcommittees of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees continued hearings on S. 1988 and similar bills, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, receiving testimony from former Senator Wheeler; John F. Donelan, of Havemeyers and Elder, Inc., and the Brookland Eastern District Terminal; Donald J. Chaney, chief counsel, Fish and Wildlife Service; Price Daniel, attorney general for Texas; and Senator Connally. Senator Connally, Mr. Donelan, and Mr. Daniel testified in support of the bill. Hearings continue Monday, March 15.

Wednesday, March 10, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued on ERP, acting on various amendments. House passed bills on military retirements and Alaska airport construction. RFC extension reported to Senate.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 2446-2448

Bills Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows:

S. 2284 to S. 2287; and S. J. Res. 195. Page 2447

Bill Reported: One report was made as follows:

S. 2287, to extend the powers of the RFC to June 30, 1958 (S. Rept. 974).

Pages 2446-2447

European Recovery: Senate continued consideration of S. 2202, European recovery program, taking action on the following amendments: defeated by 3 yeas to 74 nays Taylor amendment relative to channeling the ERP through the UN, sale or gift of munitions, and disarmament; and adopted by voice vote the following amendments: Brewster amendment to remove from bill language authorizing charter of 300 U. S. ships to participating countries, the George amendment requiring administrator to utilize private channels of trade whenever possible, and the Cooper amendment encouraging all countries in the Western Hemisphere to make available all possible assistance to participating countries.

Pages 2448-2471

Nominations: 8 civilian nominations including that of John J. Deviny, of District of Columbia, to be Public Printer, 111 in the Army, 34 in the Navy, and 1 in the Marine Corps, together with 1 postmaster withdrawal, were received.

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Committee Meetings

MARKETING AGREEMENTS-NUTS AND FRUITS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Hearings were continued on S. 2173, amending the AAA relating to marketing agreements and orders affecting almonds, filberts, pecans, walnuts, and citrus fruits, with the following witnesses testifying in support of the bill: Senator Holland: W. R. Ogg, American Farm Bureau Federation; J. T. Sanders, National Grange; and John J. Riggle, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. S. R. Smith, Fruits and Vegetables Branch, PMA, Department of Agriculture, testified for the Department. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee met in executive session and began marking up H. R. 5214, independent offices appropriation bill, for reporting to the Senate. It took action on various provisions of the bill but did not finish. Continues tomorrow.

ARMY CIVIL FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 5524, Army civil functions appropriation bill, receiving further testimony from Lt. Gen. R. A. Wheeler, Chief of Engineers; Col. P. A. Feringa, Assistant Chief of Engineers for Civil Works; and Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, division engineer, Missouri River division—all from the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army. Subcommittee continues tomorrow.

NAVY SALVAGE FACILITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee agreed to report to the full committee (with recommendations for favorable action) S. 1785, to authorize \$3 million annually to provide salvage facilities to public and private facilities, giving the Secretary of Navy authority to settle claims for salvage services rendered by the Navy Department, with amendments to place certain limitations on its operation. Before taking this action, the following witnesses appeared in support of the bill: Vice Adm. Earl W. Mills, Chief of Bureau of Ships; Capt. William A. Sullivan, salvage officer, Bureau of Ships; Alfred V. Krebs, legal counsel, National Federation of American Shipping; and Robert V. Smith, attorney, representing Hawaiian Dredging Co., Ltd., Young Brothers, Ltd., and the Foss Launch & Tug Co. Mr. Smith suggested certain clarifying language.

RFC EXTENSION

Committee on Banking and Currency: In executive session the committee approved a report to accompany S. 2287 (S. Rept. 974), to extend the powers of the RFC to 1958, which was ordered reported favorably to the Senate on February 27, 1948. (See Digest for that date.) This report and the new bill were prepared and recommended in pursuance of S. Res. 132, which authorized the Senate Banking and Currency Committee to appoint

a special committee to study and recommend legislation on the future of the RFC.

FEDERAL RESERVE NOMINATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee held further hearings on the nomination of Thomas B. McCabe, to be a member of the Federal Reserve Board, receiving testimony from the following witnesses: Thomas B. McCabe; Will Clayton; Secretary of War Patterson; Walter B. Schleiter, formerly with the Foreign Liquidation Commission; Bruce Smith, former president of the Chamber of Commerce in China; and Walter G. Rundle, newspaper reporter in China. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INCOME-TAX REDUCTION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill, after receiving testimony from Senator Maybank in support of his amendment to repeal the oleomargarine tax. The following also testified: Emil Schram, president, New York Stock Exchange, endorsed the passage of H. R. 4790 with modifications. J. Cameron Thomson, CED, recommended that the "present income-tax exemption of \$500 per person be retained. Instead of raising the exemption, we favor a reduction in excises as the only way in which substantial tax relief can be given to the lowest income group—the group which does not now pay income taxes." Richard W. Courts, Investment Bankers Association, told the committee "I suggest a maximum individual surtax rate of 50 percent. It would mean a loss in revenue of less than \$850 million. This loss would be made up through the increased incentive to work and invest." Martin R. Gainsbrugh, National Industrial Conference Board, stated that "business activity will continue at a high level throughout the first half of this year, and there is more than an even chance that manufacturing production will not recede even in the closing of 1948.

Tomorrow the committee meets in executive session to prepare bill for reporting.

INDIANS-NEW YORK

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 1683, conferring jurisdiction on the courts of New York State over offenses committed on Indian reservations within that State, S. 1686, settlement of obligations of the U. S. to Indians of the Six Nations of New York under the treaty of November 11, 1794, and S. 1687, conferring jurisdiction on New York State courts with respect to civil actions between Indians or to which Indians are parties, and heard the following witnesses testify in opposition to the bills: John L. Snyder, and Lafayette Kennedy, Irving, N. Y.; Chief Ross Webster, Onondaga Reservation; Clinton Rickard, Tuscarora Reservation; Elmer B. Thompson, Cattaragus; Mildred Garlow, Lewiston;

Tom Pee-Saw, Parsons, Kans.; William Smith, Ohsweken, Ontario; William H. Rockwell, Oneida Nation; Chief Frank Terrance, St. Regis; Robert Solenberger, American University; Cornelius Plummer, Gowanda; Chief George Thomas, and Livingston Crouse, Six Nations; and Davis Green, Onondaga counsel.

Testifying for the bills were: Jonothan M. Steere, Philadelphia; Chief Nick Bailey, Buffalo; Lenore L. George, Cayuga Nation; and Mrs. Hanover Spring, Basom, N. Y. Hearings continue tomorrow.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 1812, to establish a Department of Transportation, and received testimony from Rear Adm. William W. Smith, Chairman, U. S. Maritime Commission, and Oswald Ryan, Acting Chairman, CAB, against the bill in its present form.

ANTI-POLL TAX—INVESTIGATION EXPENDITURES

Committee on Rules and Administration: The antipoll-tax bill (H. R. 29), in executive session, was unanimously reported to the full committee by its subcommittee. Immediately following this action, Senator Stennis presented to the full committee a request from 21 Senators and 7 Governors, or their attorneys general, that hearings be held on the bill before the committee takes final action on it. In pursuance of this request, which had not previously been submitted to the subcommittee, the full committee voted that hearings should be held on the bill, extending over a period of 4 days, 2 of which should be given to proponent and 2 to opponent witnesses. The hearings are to be scheduled within 10 days.

The committee also reported the following resolutions: S. Res. 191, extending the life of the Small Business Committee until the expiration of the Eightieth Congress, and providing it with additional \$50,000 for expenditures; S. Res. 201, to provide an additional \$10,000 to the Committee on Appropriations for its expenses; and S. Res. 202, to provide an additional \$25,000 (in pursuance of S. Res. 141) to the Committee on Finance in connection with its study and investigation of old-age and survivors insurance and other aspects of the social-security program.

EXPORT CONTROL POLICIES

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Export Subcommittee continued its hearings on recent export policies of the Office of International Trade (Department of Commerce), going further into the operation of various licensing procedures in the Office of International Trade, with the following witnesses testifying: Senator Saltonstall; Representative Jones of Washington; David K. E. Bruce, Assistant Sec-

retary of Commerce, accompanied by 14 officials of various branches of the Department of Commerce; George F. Bauer, vice chairman, and J. Raymond Nunan, international trade section, New York Board of Trade; Henry D. McCord, president, Henry D. McCord Corp., New York; Howard J. Fletcher, executive secretary,

and David L. Kreeger, Washington representative, Silk and Rayon Printers and Dyers Association of America, Inc., New York; F. M. Plake, vice president, American Pacific Enterprises, New York; and Christie Thomas, Seattle Chamber of Commerce. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventeen public bills, H. R. 5795-5811; one private bill, H. R. 5812; and four resolutions, H. Res. 498 and 499, and H. J. Res. 347 and 348, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Disposal of certain executive papers (H. Rept. 1547); S. 1306, to authorize completion of the San Jacinto-San Vicente aqueduct, California (H. Rept. 1548);

H. Res. 499, rule providing 1 hour's consideration of H. R. 5470, to remove price criteria as factor in granting export licenses (H. Rept. 1549);

H. Con. Res. 155, to continue Joint Committee on Housing beyond March 15, 1948 (H. Rept. 1550); and

H. R. 5122, to permit increase of tax on assessed valuation of lands in Alaska (H. Rept. 1551).

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Foreign Information: Adopted H. Con. Res. 144 (H. Rept. 1544), authorizing the printing of 5,000 additional copies each of the report and appendix of the Mundt subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Affairs relative to investigation of U. S. Information Service in Europe.

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Tax Hearings: Adopted H. Con. Res. 143 (H. Rept. 1545), authorizing the printing of 1,500 additional copies of the hearings on reduction of individual income taxes.

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Revenue Revisions: Adopted H. Con. Res. 142 (H. Rept. 1546), authorizing the printing of 1,000 additional copies each of parts 4 and 5 of the hearings relative to revenue revisions, 1947-48.

Privilege of the House: Adopted, by a vote of 144 to 35, a motion offered by Mr. Rankin, to strike from the Congressional Record, a speech made by a Member, together with insertions.

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Army Retirements: Passed H. R. 2744, to provide for elimination by retirement, subject to review boards, of inefficient, inept, or substandard officers of the Regular

Army and Air Force; voluntary retirement of officers and men of the Regular Army, based upon years of service; and retirement benefits extended to the Army Reserve Corps, National Guard, and the Naval Reserve, wherein only service-incurred disability retirement now exists.

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Alaska Airport: Passed H. R. 3510, authorizing the CAA to construct and maintain a public airport in the area of Anchorage, Alaska.

The rule, H. Res. 492, providing for 1 hour's debate and consideration was previously adopted.

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Committee Meetings

OLEOMARGARINE

Committee on Agriculture: Continued public hearings on various bills relating to the tax on oleomargarine and heard William Rhea Blake, executive vice president, National Cotton Council of America; Edgar C. Corry, Jr., national commander, AMVETS; Mrs. Anna Lord Strauss, League of Women Voters; Jean Whitehill, Consumers Union; Tyre Taylor, general counsel, National Association of Retail Grocers; L. T. Newman, United States Wholesale Grocers; Louis G. Hines, representing the American Federation of Labor; Don Montgomery, Congress of Industrial Organizations, UAW; John H. Hayes, American Hospital Association, New York; Mrs. Rena Cohen, National League of Women Shoppers; Mrs. Florence Geiger, National Council of Jewish Women; Mrs. E. G. Chamberlain, National Federation of Settlements; Mrs. Dennis E. Jackson, Consumer Conference of Greater Cincinnati; and Mrs. Gertrude Parks, District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs; all of whom favored repeal of tax. Hearings continue tomorrow.

OIL

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil continued public hearings and heard B. E. Hardey, Louisiana Mineral Resources Board, Shreveport, La. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RENT CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met in executive session on S. 2182, extending rent control until April 30, 1949.

D. C. BAR

Committee on the District of Columbia: Judiciary Subcommittee conducted a public hearing on H. R. 3922, to provide for the admission of certain former members of the armed forces to practice law in the District of Columbia, and heard Representative Keating, sponsor of the bill; John C. Williamson and Robert Sutphin, both of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, testify in favor of the bill, with suggested amendments; J. J. Laughlin, attorney; Bernard Dennison; Roy H. Neilson; and W. Cushing also appeared in support of the legislation.

The committee also heard the following witnesses, all of whom appeared in opposition to the measure: J. G. Bryant, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Herbert Bingham, representing American Bar Association; John Holzworth; and George E. McNeil, president, D. C. Bar Association.

The file on the bill, H. R. 788, pertaining to admission of certain merchant seamen to D. C. bar was also presented for the record.

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns subcommittee on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute continued with further testimony from Herbert K. Sorrell, business agent for Conference of Studio Unions, accompanied by his attorney, George Bodle.

The subcommittee also received testimony from William C. Doherty, vice president, American Federation of Labor, and president of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

SECURITY

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on State Department reorganization met in open hearings and heard John E. Peurifoy, Assistant Secretary of State for Administration, and Hamilton Robinson, Director of the Office of Controls, both of whom testified relative to the handling of security matters in the State Department. Hearings continue on March 12.

Hoffman subcommittee on Government security regulations met and heard testimony of Nat S. Finney, representing the Cowles publications and Carlton Skinner, security officer and Director of Information, Department of the Interior.

AID TO CHINA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Heard Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault testify in support of aid to China in both open and closed hearings.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITALIZATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Conducted a public hearing on H. R. 4163, authorizing med-

ical and hospital service for those employed in the Maritime Service and for other purposes, and heard Dr. Otis L. Anderson, Chief of Hospital Division, U. S. Public Health Service, who favored the legislation, with suggested amendments. Dr. Justin K. Fuller, medical officer, and Charles W. Sanders, Assistant Chief, Marine Division, both of the Maritime Commission, also favored the legislation, with suggested amendments.

The committee also heard testimony from Seth Levine, CIO Maritime Committee, Washington, D. C., and Samuel J. Hogan, president, National Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, Washington, D. C.

EOUAL RIGHTS-TORTS-COAST GUARD

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 1 met on the so-called "equal rights" amendment, H. J. Res. 49, etc., and heard Representatives Cravens, St. George, Barrett, Byrne of New York, Devitt, and McDonough; and Senator Capper, in addition to 19 other witnesses representing various women's organizations, all of whom testified in favor of the amendment. Hearing continues on March 12.

Subcommittee No. 2 met on H. R. 42 and H. R. 4682, to amend the Federal Tort Claims Act, and heard Representative Camp; Frank Chambers and George F. Foley, both from the Department of Justice; Col. T. N. Tappy and Col. Thomas E. Rhodes, Department of the Army; Capt. Chester Ward, Chief of Claims Division, JAG, Department of the Navy; and Louis R. Harolds, National Maritime Union of America.

Subcommittee No. 3 heard the following witnesses in connection with S. 1077, to amend section 4450 of the Revised Statutes permitting Coast Guard officers to conduct disciplinary proceedings, etc.; Representatives Buck and Hand; Capt. William C. Ash, vice president, National Organization of Masters, Mates, and Pilots, AFL; Louis R. Harolds, National Maritime Union of America; and Joseph H. Volpian, Seafarers International Union, AFL.

Subcommittee on Claims agreed to report favorably five private bills, and three bills adversely.

IRON ORE TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Met in open hearings on S. J. Res. 172 and H. J. Res. 338, to continue authorization of Canadian vessels to transport iron ore between United States ports on the Great Lakes until December 15, 1948, and heard John C. Virden, special assistant to the Secretary of Commerce; M. D. Harbaugh, vice president and secretary, Lake Superior Iron Ore Association; and D. C. Potts, assistant to the president, Pittsburgh Steamship Co., and Lake Carriers Association.

Both resolutions were ordered favorably reported to the House.

FEDERAL PAY RAISE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met on various Federal employees' pay-raise bills and heard N.

P. Alifas, president, District No. 44, International Association of Machinists; Foster Pratt, president, International Federation of Technical Engineers, Architects, and Draftsmen Unions; Ross A. Messer, Washington representative, National Association of Post Office Custodial Employees; E. A. Meeks, secretary, National League of District Postmasters; and Richard Hawkins, managing editor of the American Veterans' Committee Bulletin; all of whom appeared in support of the legislation.

STRATEGIC MINERALS—HAWAII

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining continued public hearings on strategic minerals and metals and heard J. Carson Adkerson, president, American Manganese Products Association, discuss the over-all problems.

Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions met in open hearings on H. R. 3701, repealing portion of section 203 of title 2 of Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920; H. R. 5498, amending section 73 of Hawaiian Organic Act; H. R. 3108, incorporating the Virgin

Islands Corporation.

The committee heard Irwin W. Silverman, chief counsel, Division of Territories, Department of the Interior, testify in behalf of H. R. 3701. He also discussed H. R. 3108. A. Lester Marks, land commissioner, Territory of Hawaii, appeared in support of H. R. 5498. John C. Fenton, auditor, Corporation Audits Division, and Robert S. Brumagim, Assistant Director, Corporation Audits Division, both of the General Accounting Office; and James P. Davis, Director, Division of Territories, Department of the Interior, all appeared in connection with H. R. 3108.

The subcommittee later ordered H. R. 3701 and H. R. 5498 reported favorably to the full committee. Hearings

continue tomorrow on H. R. 3108.

HIGHWAY FUNDS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads met and heard Judge R. D. Bailey of Pineville, W. Va., testify relative to the use of Federal-aid highway funds in West Virginia.

RULES-HOUSING-EXPORT LICENSING

Committee on Rules: Heard Chairman Wolcott and Representative Gamble of the Committee on Banking and Currency, both of whom favored H. Con. Res. 155, to continue the Joint Committee on Housing beyond March 15, 1948. The concurrent resolution was ordered favorably reported to the House. Chairman Wolcott and Representative Spence of the Committee on Banking and Currency appeared in support of a resolution providing consideration for H. R. 5470, a bill to repeal authorization to use price as criteria in the licensing of exports. A resolution requiring 1 hour of general debate was reported.

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LOYALTY

Committee on Un-American Activities: Special subcommittee met in executive session relative to the recent findings of the Department of Commerce Loyalty Board, with reference to Dr. E. O. Condon, Director of the Bureau of Standards, and heard William C. Foster, Under Secretary of Commerce; Isaac Stokes, Solicitor, Commerce Department; Thomas Scanlon, and Walter R. Swank.

VETERANS' INSURANCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met in public hearings on the insurance problems in the Veterans' Administration and received the testimony of Valentine Howell, vice president, Prudential Insurance Co.

Joint Committee Meetings

ATOMIC ENERGY—LABOR

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee continued its hearings with James A. Brownlow, AFL, testifying on labor problems confronting the Atomic Energy Commission; he advocated that a master agreement on labor-management relations and atomic energy installations be adopted, and that such agreement be incorporated as part of all operating contracts between the AEC and independent contractors. Hearings continue Friday.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: In executive session the joint committee approved the final draft of its report to both Houses of Congress in pursuance of Public Law 101, the so-called Taft-Hartley bill. This report on labor-management relations is scheduled to be presented to both Houses on March 15.

CONSUMER GOODS *PRICES

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: The Western Subcommittee has approved its final draft of a report on "High Prices of Consumer Goods" to be made to the full committee. The report will be released to the public on March 14.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D152)

S. 1195, to repeal the laws relating to the tours of duty of officers and enlisted men of the Army at certain foreign stations. Signed March 8, 1948 (P. L. 436).

S. 703, authorizing carrying of Civil War battle streamers with regimental colors. Signed March 9,

1948 (P. L. 437).

S. 1802, authorizing Presidential award of Medal of Honor to unknown American killed in action in World War II. Signed March 9, 1948 (P. L. 438).

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued on ERP, acting on various amendments.

House passed Treasury-Post Office appropriation bill for 1949.

Senate groups approved income-tax reduction and independent offices appropriation bills.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2288 to S. 2295; and S. Con. Res. 45.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2181, to ratify administrative promotions of employees on military furlough from the field postal service, in certain cases (S. Rept. 975).

S. J. Res. 154, authorizing stamps commemorative of one hundredth anniversary of the poultry industry (S.

Rept. 976).

S. J. Res. 158, authorizing stamps commemorative of eighty-fifth anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address (S. Rept. 977).

S. J. Res. 178, authorizing stamps commemorative of one hundredth anniversary of Territory of Minne-

sota (S. Rept. 978).

S. J. Res. 189, authorizing special stamp in honor of Five Civilized Tribes of Indians in Oklahoma (S.

Rept. 979).

H. J. Res. 251, authorizing special issue of 5-cent postage stamps commemorating one hundredth anniversary of Swedish pioneers coming to the Middle West (S. Rept. 980).

S. J. Res. 155, rescinding an order of the FPC authorizing redevelopment of the Wilder Dam project, with

amendments (S. Rept. 981).

S. Res. 191, extending the life of the Small Business Committee until the expiration of the Eightieth Congress, and providing it with additional \$50,000 for expenditures (S. Rept. 982).

S. Res. 201, to provide an additional \$10,000 to the Committee on Appropriations for its expenses. (No

written report.)

S. Res. 202, to provide an additional \$25,000 to the Committee on Finance in connection with its study and investigation of old-age and survivors insurance and other aspects of the social-security program. (No written report.)

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Bills Referred: Two House-passed bills, passed on March 10, were referred to appropriate committees.

Resolutions Passed: The following resolutions were passed without amendment: H. Con. Res. 142, authorizing the printing of 1,000 additional copies each of parts 4 and 5 of the hearings relative to revenue revisions, 1947-48; H. Con. Res. 143, authorizing the printing of 1,500 additional copies of the hearings on reduction of individual income taxes; H. Con. Res. 144, authorizing the printing of 5,000 additional copies each of the report and appendix of the Mundt subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Affairs relative to investigation of U. S. Information Service in Europe; S. Res. 201, to provide an additional \$10,000 to the Committee on Appropriations for its expenses; and S. Res. 202, to provide an additional \$25,000 to the Committee on Finance in connection with its study and investigation of old-age and survivors insurance and other aspects of the socialsecurity program. This is final action on these resolu-Pages 2516, 2535-2536

Reserve Corps: Accepted House amendment to S. 1174, to provide inactive-duty-training pay for Organized Reserve Corps, thus clearing the bill for the President's signature.

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European Recovery: Senate continued consideration of S. 2202, European recovery program, adopting by voice vote the following amendments: Ball amendment providing for allocation of commodities or services to specific projects if previously submitted to Administrator by participating countries and approved by him; Vandenberg amendments providing that the U. S. Special Representative in Europe shall be representative of the Administrator and also the chief representative of the U. S. Government, receiving instructions from the Administrator; Brewster amendment relative to Americans traveling within participating countries; and two technical clarifying amendments.

The following amendments were rejected: By voice vote, Ball amendment on separation of relief from economic recovery funds; Brooks amendment on U. S. Representative in Europe instead of Ambassador, by 25 yeas to 52 nays; Brooks amendment to set aside 3 percent of funds to pay transportation costs of private American relief packages to participating countries, by 34 yeas to 38 nays.

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Committee Meetings

MARKETING AGREEMENTS-NUTS AND FRUITS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 2173, amending the AAA relating to marketing agreements and orders affecting almonds, filberts, pecans, walnuts, and citrus fruits, receiving testimony against the bill by H. T. Austern, counsel, National Canners Association, Washington, D. C.; and C. Howard Sweatt, vice president, Besco Products Co., and president of Canners League of Orlando. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee concluded marking up H. R. 5214, independent offices appropriation bill, and will report it to the full committee tomorrow afternoon with recommendations for its approval. As approved by the subcommittee today, the bill would provide for \$967,605,551, a net reduction of \$23,913,000 under the House-approved figure. The total decreases amounted to \$25,900,000, but the subcommittee proposed increases totaling \$1,987,000 over the House-approved amounts. As the bill passed the House it would provide \$991,518,551.

The subcommittee proposes to eliminate the emergency fund for the President amounting to \$700,000; reduce salaries and expenses in the Bureau of the Budget by \$200,000, and Federal postwar highway fund by \$25,000,000. It proposes the following major increases over House-approved figures: \$200,000 for White House staff for emergencies; \$100,000 for the FCC; \$160,000 for the FTC; \$100,000 for geophysical institute in Alaska, plus \$875,000 contract authorization; \$1,000,000 for testing and research laboratory for Public Roads Administration; \$150,000 for ICC; and \$50,000 for Council of Economic Advisers.

ARMY CIVIL-FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 5524, Army civil-functions appropriation bill, receiving further testimony from Lt. Gen. R. A. Wheeler, Chief of Engineers; Col. P. A. Feringa, Assistant Chief of Engineers for Civil Works; and Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, division engineer, Missouri River division—all from the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army. Subcommittee continues tomorrow.

FEDERAL RESERVE NOMINATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee continued hearings on the nomination of Thomas B. McCabe, to be a member of the Federal Reserve Board, receiving testimony from William F. McKenna, attorney, formerly with the Foreign Liquidation Commission.

INCOME-TAX REDUCTION—NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE VENDORS

Committee on Finance: The committee, in executive session, approved for reporting to the Senate, with amendments, H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill. As agreed upon, the bill embodies the Houseapproved version with the following changes: in lieu of the rate reduction in H. R. 4790, as approved by the House, a substitute plan was adopted which would grant the following rate reduction from existing law: those who pay taxes from \$0 to \$400, would have their taxes reduced by 12.6 percent; those paying taxes between \$400 and \$100,000 would be given a tax reduction of 7.4 percent; and those paying \$100,000 or over would be given a 5-percent reduction. A change would be made in estate tax providing a step-up in value on sale of property in community-property States prospectively. Also two clarifying-technical amendments were added.

The report will be filed tomorrow.

It also approved without amendment H. R. 5052, to clarify the coverage provisions of title II of the Social Security Act to exclude certain vendors of newspapers or magazines from certain provisions of the Social Security Act and Internal Revenue Code.

INDIANS-NEW YORK

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee concluded hearings on S. 1683, conferring jurisdiction on the courts of New York State over offenses committed on Indian reservations within that State; S. 1686, settlement of obligations of the U. S. to Indians of the Six Nations of New York under the treaty of November 11, 1794; and S. 1687, conferring jurisdiction on New York State courts with respect to civil actions between Indians or to which Indians are parties, after hearing the following witnesses testify in support of the bills: Henry F. Manley, assistant attorney general for State of New York; Frederick J. Moffitt, director of Indian education, New York Education Department; Leighton T. Wade, counsel, Joint Legislative Committee on Indian Affairs, New York; Viola White, Evanston, Ill.; and Representative Reed (New York).

The following witnesses testified against the bills: Chief Cornelius Seneca, Irving, N. Y.; Rev. Glenn B. Koykendall, Angola, N. Y.; Mrs. Delia Waterman, and Wilford Waterman, Syracuse, N. Y.; and Nellie K. Plummer, Gowanda.

ANTILYNCHING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee met in executive session to discuss S. 42, antilynching bill, but made no announcement of action taken. Tuesday, March 16 was set as the date for the next meeting.

PAY AND PROMOTIONS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: In executive session the two following bills were reported: S. 1989, limiting lump-sum payment provisions for accrued annual leave, in transferring to agencies operating under different systems, to cases subsequent to approval of act of March 14, 1936, and S. 2181, to ratify administrative promotions of employees on military furlough from the field postal service, in certain cases.

Committee also continued its work on S. 1537, omnibus pay increase bill for Government employees. After the meeting, it was announced that committee will continue on this bill tomorrow.

OIL

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Oil Subcommittee received testimony from the following witnesses of farm cooperative associations on the seriousness of the shortage of tractor fuel, and from independent distributors who have been cut off by disruption of normal channels of supply: L. A. Taylor, director, purchasing service, Southern States Cooperative Association, Inc., Richmond, Va.; William H. Fetter, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, Harrisburg, Pa.; E. M. Callis, president, Petrol Corp., Philadelphia; and B. S. Watson, president, Cities Service Oil Co. of Pennsylvania.

. House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventeen public bills, H. R. 5813-5829; three private bills, H. R. 5830-5832; and six resolutions, H. Res. 500, H. J. Res. 349, and H. Con. Res. 156-159, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Four private bills, H. R. 703, 2760, 4372, and 4631 (H. Repts. 1552–1555, incl.);

S. J. Res. 172, to authorize transportation of iron ore on the Great Lakes by Canadian vessels during 1948 (H. Rept. 1556);

H. J. Res. 338, to authorize transportation of iron ore on the Great Lakes by Canadian vessels during 1948 (H. Rept. 1557); and

H. R. 1734, private bill (H. Rept. 1558).

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Rent Control Extension: Committee on Banking and Currency was granted permission to file by midnight, Saturday, a report on S. 2182, to extend rent control until April 30, 1949; and the Committee on Rules to file a rule by the same time, providing for consideration of this measure.

Housing Committee: Adopted H. Con. Res. 155, to continue Joint Committee on Housing beyond March 15, 1948.

Treasury-Post Office Appropriations: Passed H. R. 5770, the fifth regular departmental supply bill to be sent to the Senate in this session. This measure makes appropriations of \$290,453,100 for the agencies of the Treasury Department in the fiscal year 1949, and \$1,691,269,250 for the Post Office Department in the same period. The total budget furnished for these two Departments is \$1,981,722,350, which amount is \$35,903,850 be-

low the 1949 estimates recommended by the Budget Bureau, and \$81,930,100 less than they received in fiscal

1948 appropriations.

Adopted an amendment, proposed by Mr. Canfield, to change provision of the bill prohibiting Government purchase of typewriters and permit the Veterans' Administration to continue furnishing typewriters to disabled veterans; and accepted another, offered by Mr. Miller of Connecticut, to allow the Bureau of Federal Supply to purchase technical nonstandard typewriters, as may be needed by agencies.

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Special Orders: Under special orders, Mr. Horan addressed the House on the subject of national preparedness.

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Committee Meetings

OLEOMARGARINE

Committee on Agriculture: Continued public hearings on various bills relating to the tax on oleomargarine and heard Charles W. Holman, National Cooperative Milk Producers Association, Washington, D. C., and Wilson F. Douglas, representative of the Cudahy Packing Co., Chicago, Ill., both of whom favored continuation of present tax. Hearings continue tomorrow.

OIL

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil continued public hearings and heard Harold Ickes, former Secretary of the Interior. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RENT CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued its work in executive session on S. 2182, extending rent

control until April 30, 1949. Meeting continues to-

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns Subcommittee on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute met and heard Zach Lamarr Cobb, attorney for the locked-out carpenters in Hollywood. Hearing continues tomorrow.

CHICAGO PAROLES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Hoffman Subcommittee continued public hearings on the investigation of the granting of paroles to four United States prisoners and heard Theodore C. Link of the St. Louis Post Dispatch; Louis Greenberg, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Mary Agnes O'Connor Eben; Daniel M. Lyons, chairman, U. S. Board of Parole; and Walter K. Urich, U. S. parole officer.

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DENTAL RESEARCH

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met on H. R. 574, H. R. 4200, and S. 176, National Institute of Dental Research Act, and heard Dr. Thomas Parran, the Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service; Dr. Carl O. Flagstad, chairman, legislative committee, American Dental Association, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, secretary, American Dental Association, St. Paul, Minn.; Dr. H. C. Hodge, president, International Society of Dental Research, Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. W. H. Wright, dean, School of Dentistry, New York University, N. Y.; Dr. Richard Leonard, representing the Public Health Dentists Association, Baltimore, Md.; and Dr. Sterling V. Mead, past president, American Dental Association, Washington, D. C.

REGIONAL EDUCATION COMPACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported five private claims bills; three were tabled. Also the committee discussed, but took no action on, H. J. Res. 334, giving the consent of Congress to the compact on regional education entered into between the Southern States at Tallahassee, Fla., on February 8, 1948.

Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights met in executive session on H. R. 2860, providing protection by registration of designs for textile fabrics.

COAST GUARD-PANAMA

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on the Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey and Public Health met in executive session to consider H. R. 4892, pertaining to retirement pay of certain Coast Guard officers; and H. R. 4796, authorizing Coast Guard aids to air navigation. Following the testimony of Representative Bland and Capt. A. C. Richmond, the subcommittee ordered H. R. 4892 favorably reported to the full committee. Subcommittee on the Panama Canal met in open hearings on H. R. 2817 and H. R. 5103, amending the Panama Canal Zone Code; and H. R. 5104, incorporating the Panama Railroad Company as an agency and instrumentality of the United States and as an adjunct of the Panama Canal, with an initial capital stock of \$25,000,000; and received testimony from William L. Ellis and Harold S. Morse, both from the General Accounting Office; and Brig. Gen. Joseph C. Mehaffey, Governor of the Panama Canal.

FEDERAL PAY RAISE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met on various Federal employees' pay-raise bills and heard Robert E. McLaughlin, National Association of U. S. Storekeepers-Gaugers, Alcohol Tax Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue; Clarence Adamy, American Veterans World War II; L. F. Kneipp, executive officer, the Organization of Professional Employees, Department of Agriculture; H. P. Martin, director, Office of the Foreign Service, Department of State; Lewis H. Fisher, general counsel, National Association of Retired Civil Employees; and Representative Busbey; all of whom appeared in support of the legislation.

STRATEGIC MINERALS—VIRGIN ISLANDS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining continued their study of the Nation's position regarding critical strategic minerals and metals and heard the following manganese-producing industry representatives: F. A. Linforth, assistant vice president, Anaconda Copper Mining Co., Butte, Mont.; J. Reed Denison, manager of the Walter H. Denison Manganese Co., Batesville, Ark.; R. E. Garrett, of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co., Birmingham, Ala.; Augustus D. Kinzell, vice president, Electro-Metallurgical Co., New York; Andrew Leith of the E. J. Lavino & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; R. M. Lloyd, U. S. Steel Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa.; I. D. Simms, assistant purchasing agent of the Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem, Pa.; and N. A. Pumpelly, vice president, Domestic Manganese & Development Co., Butte, Mont. Hearing continues tomorrow.

Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions met in public hearing on H. R. 3108, to incorporate the Virgin Islands Corporation, and heard Irwin W. Silverman, counsel, Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of the Interior; John C. Fentor, auditor, and Robert S. Brumagim, assistant director, both from the Corporation Audits Division of the General Accounting Office, discuss the language of H. R. 3108 and the proposed language offered by the General Accounting Office. Hearings continue on March 15.

ROADS-NAVIGATION

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads met in executive session and voted to report to the full

committee on March 16 a new bill in lieu of H. R. 4867 and H. R. 4868, to continue the Federal-aid Highway Act of 1944.

The Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors met in executive session and approved 20 projects for navigation improvements and voted to report them favorably to the full committee.

The subcommittee also approved H. R. 2656, providing for the collection and removal of drift in Baltimore Harbor.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Conducted a public hearing on the recent cuts in personnel of the Veterans' Administration and received testimony from Charles Reichert, regional manager, and Vincent O'Donnell, personnel officer, both of the New York office of the Veterans' Administration; Willis Howard, assistant administrator for claims; H. V. Stirling, assistant administrator for vocational rehabilitation and education; and T. A. Janssen, chief of statistics and research, all of the Veterans' Administration.

Friday, March 12, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate rejected Taft amendment to reduce amount of ERP funds. Independent offices appropriation bill reported to Senate. Rent-control extension bill reported in House.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 2609-2616

Bills Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced as follows: S. 2296 to S. 2304; and S. J. Res. 196.

Pages 2609-2610

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Third Organization Report relating to organization of Federal executive departments and agencies, from Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments (S. Rept. 983).

H. R. 5214, independent offices appropriation bill providing \$967,705,551 for various Independent Offices, with amendments (S. Rept. 984).

Minority views on H. Con. Res. 131, against adoption of President's Reorganization Plan No. 1 (part 2 of S. Rept. 967).

Bills Referred: Two House-passed bills, passed on March 11, were referred to appropriate committees.

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Presidential Message: Senate received Consular Convention between U. S. and Costa Rica, signed at San

José on January 12, 1948 (Exec. D). The injunction of secrecy was removed, and the Convention was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Pages 2610-2614

European Recovery: Senate continued work on S. 2202, European recovery program, and rejected the Taft amendment to reduce funds for the ERP for the first 12 months to \$4 billion instead of \$5.3 billion, by a vote of 31 yeas to 56 nays. By voice vote it adopted the Brooks amendment regarding relief packages to participating countries.

Before the Senate recessed, Senator Aiken offered a substitute amendment for several previously proposed amendments, which it was agreed would be the pending business.

Pages 2617-2709, 2711-2712

Nomination: Received nomination of Ernest Gruening, N. Y., to reappointment as Governor of Territory of Alaska.

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Committee Meetings

MARKETING AGREEMENTS—NUTS AND FRUITS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: The following witnesses were heard by the subcommittee in opposition

to S. 2173, amending the AAA relating to marketing agreements and orders affecting almonds, filberts, pecans, walnuts, and citrus fruits: G. O. McDaniel, president, G. O. McDaniel Co., Edcouch, Tex.; C. L. Skaggs, president, Borden Packing Corp., Weslaco, Tex.; J. Logan Bloodworth, Cherokee Products Co., Fort Pierce, Fla.; J. Adams Bruce, president, Bruce's Juices, Tampa, Fla.; I. C. Lewis, assistant to manager., Bordo Products Co., Winter Haven, Fla.; C. E. Lindsey, president, Lakeland Highlands Canning Co., Highlands City, Fla.; Frank Burkart, Burkart Products Co., Mount Dora, Fla.; John M. Fox, president, Vacuum Foods Corp., Plymouth, Fla.; and Walter L. Graefe, president, Pomona Products Co., Claremont, Fla.

INDEPENDENT-OFFICES APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Full committee approved for reporting, with amendment, H. R. 5214, independent-offices appropriation bill, providing \$967,705,551 for various independent offices. This is a net reduction of \$23,813,000 under the House-approved figure of \$991,518,551. The full committee made only one change in the amount of the bill as approved by the subcommittee on March 11 (see Digest for March 11); namely, the committee voted an additional \$100,000 to the \$200,000, approved by the subcommittee, for the President's emergency fund.

ARMY CIVIL-FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 5524, Army civil-functions appropriation bill, receiving testimony from Senators Dworshak, Johnson, Ecton, Hill, Eastland, and Sparkman; Representative Rankin; Chester C. Thompson, president, American Waterways Operators; former Representative Lanham; Dale Miller, Gulf Intracoastal Waterways; and Don McBride, secretary of National Reclamation Association. Hearings continue Monday.

CADETS—SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee voted to report favorably to the full committee with amendments S. 657, to provide that service as a cadet, midshipman, or aviation cadet, shall be credited for pay and retirement purposes in the case of military or naval personnel.

Hearings were held on S. 1560, to authorize War and Navy Departments to establish research advisory committees, or panels, to promote and conduct scientific research and development work, and to employ scientific and technical personnel, with the following witnesses testifying: Dr. Vannevar Bush, chairman, Research and Development Board, National Military Establishment; Maj. Gen. A. C. McAuliffe, deputy di-

rector, Research and Development, Logistics Division, General Staff, U. S. Army; Brig. Gen. E. M. Brannon, Assistant Judge Advocate General, U. S. Army; Maj. Gen. L. C. Craigie, Director, Research and Development, Department of the Air Force; and Rear Adm. Paul F. Lee, Chief of Office of Naval Research.

After receiving this testimony, the subcommittee voted to study the bill further, to effect certain amendments, the desirability of which was indicated during the

meeting.

The full committee will begin hearings on universal military training on Tuesday, March 16.

EDUCATIONAL STATE COMPACT

Committee on the Judiciary: The following witnesses appeared before a subcommittee to testify in support of S. J. Res. 191, compact on regional education between Southern States: Senators Maybank, Johnston, Cooper, McKellar, Sparkman, Pepper, and Holland; Representatives Evins, Monroney, for Governor of Oklahoma, Peterson, and Priest, who read a statement for Governor McCord, Tennessee; Governor Millard F. Caldwell, Florida; Dr. M. Don Clawson, president, and Dr. Daniel Thomas Rolfe, executive secretary, Meharry Medical College; Dr. R. R. Patey, Chancellor, University System of Georgia; Dr. John Dale Russell, Office of Education, FSA; and Frank Chambers, Department of Justice.

Miss Alma Vessells, executive secretary, National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, New York, testified in opposition. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PAY INCREASES FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Committee, in executive session, continued consideration of S. 1537, omnibus pay-increase bill for Government employees, devoting its attention primarily to a discussion of the Flanders amendment on reclassification of Government employees. No final decision was reached. Committee meets again Monday.

OII.

Special Committee to Study Problems of American Small Business: Oil Subcommittee continued its investigation into matters of self-imposed national shortages of petroleum products, as well as the broad, over-all question of developing and expanding national and hemispheric oil resources, receiving testimony from Paul Hadlick, the special counsel on oil for the committee; J. Edward Jones, private oil producer; Gordon Duke, Southeastern Oil, Inc., and affiliates; Fred Lott, and Alfred G. White, Economic and Statistics Branch of Bureau of Mines; and Earl Foster, executive secretary, Interstate Oil Compact Commission.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 15, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

OLEOMARGARINE

Committee on Agriculture: Continued public hearings on various bills relating to the tax on oleomargarine and heard Mrs. Stella E. Barker, Des Moines, Iowa; Kensie J. Bagshaw, representing the National Grange, Hollidaysberg, Pa.; Harley F. Credicott, American Butter Institute, Freeport, Ill.; Marvin McLain, National Creameries Association, Brooklyn, Iowa; Leonard E. Kopitzke, president, Wisconsin Cheese-Makers Association, Marion, Wis.; Dr. Hugo Sommer, professor of dairy industry, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Lee Peters, Evanston, Ill.; H. W. Curtiss, Illinois Agricultural Association, Chicago; A. B. Tarwater, president, Plains Cooperative Association, Plainview, Tex.; Representatives Plumley and Hull, and Paul T. Truitt, president, Margarine Manufacturers.

OIL

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil continued public hearings and heard Ernest Piles, president, Jergens Oil Co. of California; and L. C. Karrick, Washington, D. C.

RENT CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met in executive session on S. 2182, extending rent control until May 1, 1949, and agreed to report the bill favorably to the House with amendments.

The bill now removes all restrictions on building construction; provisions requiring permits for building amusement facilities were deleted; an amendment giving local boards more powers than they now have, with respect to decontrol, was substituted.

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns Subcommittee on Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute continued public hearing and heard Burton A. Zorn, attorney for a motion-picture producers' association. Hearings continue on March 16.

SECURITY

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on State Department reorganiza-

tion continued hearings and heard further testimony from John E. Peurifoy, Assistant Secretary of State for Administration, and Hamilton Robinson, Director of the Office of Controls, both of whom testified relative to the handling of security matters in the State Department.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE—VIRGIN ISLANDS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in executive session and voted to report favorably to the House the following two bills: H. R. 5623, to make miscellaneous changes in the Interstate Commerce Act, amended; and S. 2081, to extend the provisions of the Federal Airport Act to the Virgin Islands.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS—CONTRACTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 1 met on bills creating a Commission on the Legal Status of Women and heard Representative Wadsworth; Miss Frieda S. Miller, director, Women's Bureau, Department of Labor; and 13 other witnesses representing women's organizations and labor organizations who supported the measures. Also, four witnesses testified in support of the "Equal Rights" amendment to the Constitution.

Subcommittee No. 4 heard the following witnesses on the bills to amend the Contract Settlement Act: Representatives Carson and Harless; Earl W. Shinn, attorney, Washington, D. C.; A. C. Barker, president, Dominion Mining Co., New York City; J. Carson Adkerson, president, American Manganese Association; William B. Giles, attorney, Detroit, Mich.; A. J. Neiss, N. T. Dixon, John Gilbert, and Leslie L. Savage, all of New Jersey; Harold Pumpelly, Owego, N. Y.; Alice Cassady, Alabama; Ernest L. Petley, Fredericktown Lead Co., Missouri; Frank Hayes, Department of Commerce; Maynard Cleugh, Washington, D. C.; E. A. Salo, Callahan Zinc-Lead Co., New York City; and others.

WILDLIFE

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Conservation of Wildlife Resources met on H. R. 5144, providing for the conveyance of the Bear Lake Fish Cultural Station to the Fish and Game Commission of Utah; and H. R. 5396, for the protection of homing and racing pigeons, and heard Representative Granger; M. C. James, assistant director, Fish and Wildlife Service, on H. R. 5144. Subcommittee also heard J. F. McFadden, president, American Pigeon Racing Union; Harry C. Burke, director of publicity, American Pigeon Racing Union; Donald J. Chaney, chief counsel, Fish and Wildlife Service; Mai. Otto Meyer, chief, Pigeon Breeding Training Center, Fort Monmouth, N. J., on H. R. 5396.

RECLAMATION—STRATEGIC MINERALS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation met on H. R. 3194, to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, and heard Harry E. Polk, president, National Reclamation Association of Williston, N. Dak., who suggested new language be inserted in H. R. 3194; Judge Clifford H. Stone, of Denver, Colo., chairman, legislative committee, National Reclamation Association, discuss the proposed substitute language.

The subcommittee also received testimony from J. H. Moeur, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Maurice H. Green, of Boise, Idaho.

Subcommittee on Mines and Mining continued their study of the Nation's position regarding certain critical strategic minerals and metals and heard Carl H. Wilkin, economic analyst, Raw Materials National Council, Sioux City, Iowa; Morgen G. Huntington, New Mexico; A. F. Weitzen Korn, American Rolling Mills, Baltimore, Md.; F. U. Wannamaker, New York City; Alex C. Barker, New York City; David E. Meyers, Lynchburg, Va.; and Dr. H. K. Wark, Pittsburgh, Pa.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds met on H. R. 4664, providing for a National Institute of Industrial Training for Negro Youth; and H. R. 5509, authorizing Defense Homes Corporation to convey to Howard University certain lands in the District of Columbia; and heard Representative Miller of Nebraska, sponsor of H. R. 4664; and Representative Keefe, and Raymond Foley, Administrator of Housing and Home Finance Agency.

The committee also heard the following witnesses in support of H. R. 4664: Dr. S. J. Phillips, president, Booker T. Washington Memorial; Mrs. Portia Washington Pittman; Rev. T. J. Jemison; Earl Howard; Mrs. A. V. Mundy; and Emmett J. Scott. Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University, was heard

in support of H. R. 5509.

RULES—OIL—HEALTH—RENT CONTROL

Committee on Rules: Heard Chairman Wolverton and Representatives Heselton, Rogers of Massachusetts, Hale, Dolliver, and St. George, who favored, and Representatives Lea, Harris, and Beckworth, who opposed, a rule providing consideration for H. J. Res. 323, placing a temporary embargo on oil. No action was taken on the resolution.

Heard Mrs. Bolton and Dr. Judd, of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, who favored a resolution providing consideration of H. J. Res. 161, providing for the membership of the United States in a World Health Organization. The resolution was tabled.

Heard Chairman Wolcott, and Representatives Spence, Stratton, and Monroney, of the Committee on Banking and Currency, who favored a resolution providing consideration of S. 2182, to extend certain provisions of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, to provide for the termination of controls on maximum rents in areas and on housing accommodations where conditions justifying such controls no longer exist, and for other purposes. A resolution waiving points of order and providing 4 hours of general debate was ordered reported.

COUNSEL-VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: The Subcommittee on Education, Training, and Rehabilitation, in executive session, considered three bills which will be introduced on Monday. The first, filed by Mr. Ross, provides that veterans enrolled in secondary or elementary schools may obtain vocational advice from VA counselors. The subcommittee reported this favorably.

Another bill, filed by Mr. Ramey (by request), would nullify a VA ruling that aviation flight training cannot be used as an adjunct to another course in a nonprofit

institution.

The third bill, filed by Mr. Wheeler, carries the Executive recommendation to eliminate avocational and recreational training courses from the GI bill of rights. This and the previously listed bill were reported without recommendations.

Joint Committee Meetings

ATOMIC ENERGY—LABOR

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee continued hearings on labor problems confronting the Atomic Energy Commission, and received testimony from Benjamin Segal, counsel for United Gas, Coke, and Chemical Workers of CIO. He told the committee that it was the opinion of his organization that sufficient legislation was now in existence to take care of any possible emergency in the atomic energy labor field; that no further labor legislation was necessary. Hearings continue Monday.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D161)

S. 1528, to authorize acceptance and use of gifts, etc., to schools, hospitals, museums, etc., under War and Navy Departments. Signed March 11, 1948 (Public Law 439).

S. 1698, to enlarge the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in Utah. Signed March 11, 1948 (Public Law 440).

H. R. 4023, authorizing establishment of De Soto National Memorial in Florida. Signed March 11, 1948 (Public Law 441).

Saturday, March 13, 1948

HIGHLIGHT

By 69 yeas to 17 nays the Senate passed the bill on European recovery.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 2712-2713

Bills Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2305 to S. 2309. Pages 2713, 2793

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 5052, to exclude certain vendors of newspapers or magazines from certain provisions of the Social Security Act and Internal Revenue Code (S. Rept. 985).

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European Recovery: Senate by vote of 69 years to 17 nays passed with amendments S. 2202, to provide for European recovery program, after disposing of various amendments.

The following amendments were adopted by voice vote: Aiken substitute amendment for several previously submitted amendments relating to disposal or use of surplus agricultural commodities (after defeating Williams substitute amendment therefor, barring funds for purchase of such products); Reed amendment providing that not less than 25 percent of the wheat products sent abroad shall be in the form of flour; Taft amendment permitting Administrator to acquire goods from Western Hemisphere countries through credit guaranty; and McCarthy amendment on repatriation of prisoners of war.

The following amendments were rejected: O'Daniel amendment, proposing an additional \$21 per month to persons now receiving State old-age assistance, by 13 yeas to 73 nays; Pepper amendment authorizing appropriation of \$250 million for International Children's Emergency Fund, by 8 yeas to 78 nays; Ball amendment to abolish veto in UN and authorize draft of armed forces from member nations if voted by 7 of 11 members on a Supreme Council; and Capehart substitute amendment to provide for program of relief funds, and for loans for reconstruction under RFC for investment in free enterprise, by a vote of 22 yeas to 68 nays.

Nominations: One civilian and one Navy nomination were received.

Committee Meetings

RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Continuing hearings on the reclamation projects in the Friant-Kern canal of the Central Valley project, the Subcommittee on Interior received further testimony from Assistant Commissioner Kenneth W. Markwell; Alfred R. Golzé, Office of Programs and Finance; Goodrich W. Lineweaver, Branch of Operation and Maintenance; and Arnold O. Babb, all of the Bureau of Reclamation.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee on Housing and Rents met in executive session with Tighe E. Wood, Housing Expediter, to discuss the administration of housing and rents.

EDUCATIONAL STATE COMPACT

Committee on the Judiciary: The following witnesses appeared before a subcommittee to testify in opposition to S. J. Res. 191, compact on regional education between Southern States: Dr. Thurgood Marshall, special counsel, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Dr. Millard Dean, chairman, publicity, National Dental Association; Dr. J. C. Gathings, Washington, D. C.; M. C. Clarke, president, National Negro Insurance Association; Mrs. Marvin Perry, vice chairman, constitutional liberties committee of National Lawyers Guild; Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, Howard University; James B. Cobb, National Alliance of Postal Employees; Rev. W. H. Jernigan, director, National Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America; George M. Johnson, and James M. Nabrit, Jr., representing the Conference of Presidents of Negro Land Grant Colleges; and George Weaver, civil rights division, CIO.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 15, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL PAY RAISE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcom-

mittee continued public hearings on various bills providing salary increase for Federal workers, and heard Postmaster General Donaldson state that he could not favor pay raises at this time, but that he felt prices and cost of living should be reduced. Hearings continue March 16.

Monday, March 15, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed independent offices appropriations and 16 unobjected-to bills on Call of Calendar.

House passed export-licensing bill and 17 Consent Calendar measures; also debated rent-control extension.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 2795-2800

Bills Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2310 to S. 2322; and S. Con. Res. 46.

Pages 2799-2800

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Report of Joint Labor-Management Relations Com-

mittee, pursuant to P. L. 101 (S. Rept. 986);

The following private bills: S. 1055, S. 1806, H. R. 718, H. R. 986, H. R. 1523, H. R. 1586, H. R. 2214, H. R. 3118 (S. Repts. 987 to 994, inclusive), and S. 329, S. 419, S. 642, S. 661, S. 740, S. 755, S. 940, S. 1045, S. 1186, S. 1451, H. R. 1215, H. R. 2347, H. R. 3061, H. R. 4177 (S. Repts. 996 to 1009, inclusive);

S. 692, to authorize mileage fees at the rate of 7 cents per mile for marshals and their deputies traveling on official business (S. Rept. 995);

S. 1771, to convey certain lands in Wyoming to James S. McDonald Post 5054, VFW, Powell, Wyo., amended (S. Rept. 1010);

S. 1985, to amend the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act relative to Boulder City school district, amended (S. Rept. 1011),

H. R. 5049, to reopen the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconvey Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands to exploration, location entry, and disposition under the general mining laws (S. Rept. 1012).

Report of Joint Committee on Housing pursuant to H. Con. Res. 104 of 80th Congress (see House Reports).

Pages 2796-2797

Veto Message: Received Presidential veto of S. 939, private claims bill.

Resolutions Passed: Banking and Currency Committee was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 155, to continue Joint Committee on Housing beyond March 15, 1948, and the Senate passed it, with amendment.

Small Business: Also adopted S. Res. 191, extending the life of the Small Business Committee until the expiration of the Eightieth Congress, and providing it with additional \$50,000 for expenditures.

Pages 2806-2808, 2841

Calendar Bills Passed: On call of the calendar, 16 unobjected-to bills were passed as follows:

Without amendment and cleared for the President:

National Forest: H. R. 1809, to facilitate the use and occupancy of national forest lands.

Post Office: H. R. 4967, to acquire site for post office in Portland, Oreg.

Post Office: H. R. 4836, to acquire site for post office in Omaha.

Federal Building: H. R. 3506, to acquire a site for Federal building in Huntington, W. Va.

Postal Employees: H. R. 5315, to ratify administrative promotions of employees on military furlough from the field postal service, in certain cases. (S. 2181, a similar bill, was indefinitely postponed.)

Commemorative Stamp: H. J. Res. 251, authorizing special issue of 5-cent postage stamps commemorating one hundredth anniversary of Swedish pioneers coming

to the Middle West.

With amendment, to be sent back to House:

Mining Research: H. R. 2453, to provide for mining research laboratory in North Dakota lignite consuming region.

Without amendment and cleared for House:

Bridges: S. 2201, relative to construction of bridges in Maryland.

Commemorative Stamp: S. J. Res. 158, authorizing stamps commemorative of eighty-fifth anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Special Stamp: S. J. Res. 189, authorizing special stamp in honor of Five Civilized Tribes of Indians in Oklahoma.

Commemorative Stamp: S. J. Res. 178, authorizing stamps commemorative of one hundredth anniversary of Territory of Minnesota.

With amendment and cleared for House:

Cadets and Midshipmen: S. 1723, to authorize the appointment of cadets and midshipmen from Canada.

Arming of Vessels: S. 1107, to authorize permanent arming of American vessels in time of national emergency.

Aeronautics Committee: S. 1571, to add two members to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Surplus Property: S. 2277, to amend the Surplus Property Act of 1944 so as to dispose of surplus real property to States, political subdivisions, and municipalities for public parks, etc.

Wilder Dam: S. J. Res. 155, rescinding an order of the FPC authorizing redevelopment of the Wilder Dam

project.

Bills Indefinitely Postponed: H. R. 1389, and S. J. Res. 187. Pages 2800-2810

Independent Offices Appropriation: Senate passed H. R. 5214, Independent Offices Appropriation Bill, after adopting all committee amendments and also perfecting amendment thereto. Senate asked for a conference and appointed as conferees Senators Reed, Bridges, Saltonstall, Green, and Russell.

Pages 2811, 2815, 2827, 2828-2841

Committee Meetings

CCC CHARTER

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: H. E. Sanford, Portland, Oreg., chairman of National Grange Council and vice president of the Continental Grain Co.; and Roger C. Slaughter, Kansas City, counsel for the Board of Trade for Chicago and Kansas City, the Minneapolis Grain Exchange, and the North American Export Grain Association, testified in opposition to the following bill in its present form: S. 1322, to grant a Federal charter to the Commodity Credit Corporation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ARMY CIVIL-FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 5524, Army civil functions appropriation bill, receiving testimony on the Pacific Northwest projects from Senators Morse and Cain, Representative Jackson, and other outside witnesses. The following testified on projects in Texas: Senator Connally, Representatives Thompson, Wilson of Texas, Combs, Fisher, Poage, and other outside witnesses. Senator Robertson of Virginia and other outside witnesses testified on certain projects in Virginia. Senator Umstead, Representatives Kerr and Abbitt, and others testified on Buggs Island project. Hearings continue tomorrow.

D. C. RENT AND INSURANCE

Committee on the District of Columbia: In executive session the following bills were approved by the Subcommittee on Public Utilities for reporting to the full committee: S. 2195, to extend for 1 year the provisions of the District of Columbia Emergency Rent Act, with amendment; H. R. 3998, to regulate rates of various forms of casualty, motor vehicle, and other insurance in the D. C., with amendment; and H. R. 2246, to increase the salary of the poundmaster of D. C. to \$5,000 a year.

GREECE AND TURKEY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in executive session with Secretary of State Marshall to discuss the financial relations of the U. S. with Greece and Turkey with particular reference to aid for them in the light of the current international picture. Committee continues on Wednesday.

PUBLIC LANDS AND GAS LEASES

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Committee in executive session reported the following bills: S. 1771, to convey certain lands in Wyoming to James S. McDonald Post 5054, VFW, Powell, Wyo., amended; H. R. 4167, to authorize Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Washington to lease their State lands for production of oil, gas, and other hydrocarbons, amended; S. 1985, to amend the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act relative to Boulder City school district, amended; S. 2278, authorize the sale of certain public lands in San Juan County, Utah, to the Southwest Indian Mission; and H. R. 5049, to reopen the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconvey Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands to exploration, location entry, and disposition under the general mining laws.

PRIVATE BILLS AND FEDERAL MARSHALS

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session the committee approved for reporting S. 692, to authorize mileage fees at the rate of 7 cents per mile for marshals and their deputies traveling on official business.

Eight private claims bills were reported as follows: Without amendments, S. 1055, H. R. 718, 986, 1586, 2214, and 3118; with amendments, S. 1806, and H. R. 1523.

Fourteen private immigration bills were reported: Without amendments, S. 329, 419, 642, 755, 940, 1045, 1451, H. R. 1215, 2347, 3061, and 4177; with amendments, S. 661, 740, and 1186. Further consideration of S. J. Res. 76, equal-rights amendment, was postponed for 2 weeks.

LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Labor met in executive session to consider its program regarding pending bills to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, but made no announcement of action taken. Meets again tomorrow.

PAY INCREASES FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee met in executive session with experts of the executive branches of the Government to study the bill from its technical aspects. A clean version of the bill was ordered printed for submission to and consideration by the full committee tomorrow.

TVA

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control and River and Harbor Improvements heard L. B. Bolt, Knoxville, Tenn., testify in support of S. 1277, amending comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and organization of the authority, and placing it on an equal basis with other Government agencies; he sponsored provisions of the bill with a view to having the TVA conform to the same regulations applicable to other Government agencies. Subcommittee continued tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirty-two public bills, H. R. 5833-5864; five private bills, H. R. 5865-5869; and eight resolutions, H. Res. 502 and 503, H. J. Res. 350-354, and H. Con. Res. 160, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Report of the Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations (H. Rept. 1563); and

Final majority report of the Joint Committee on Housing (H. Rept. 1564).

Bill Referred: Senate-passed bill S. 2202, European recovery program, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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Consent Calendar: The following 17 bills were passed on the call of the Consent Calendar:

Cleared for Presidential signature:

Seminole Indians: S. 1733, authorizing payments to certain members of the Seminole Tribe of Oklahoma.

National Cemeteries: S. 1782, in lieu of H. R. 4515, relative to selecting meritorious disabled veterans to be superintendents of national cemeteries.

Provo River: S. 1990, to complete Deer Creek division

of the Provo River project in Utah.

Sent to the Senate without amendment:

Panama Canal: H. R. 2273, providing for recognition of services of employees engaged in construction of Panama Canal.

Damage Recovery: H. R. 3730, providing recourse for recovery by initial carrier of legal costs in cases of damage and injury incurred by joint-haul carriers.

Congressional Retirements: H. R. 5112, amending Civil Service Retirement Act, relative to Members of Congress who leave their office to serve in the U. S. armed forces.

Flathead Reservation: H. R. 5118, sale of individual Indian lands, Flathead Reservation, to the State of Montana.

Bankruptcy Notices: H. R. 5287, to make publication of the first meeting notice, to creditors in bankruptcy cases, discretionary with the court instead of mandatory.

Siamese Naturalization: H. R. 5310, to permit persons racially indigenous to Siam to be eligible for admission into this country.

Minnesota Stamp: H. J. Res. 320, to issue special series of 3-cent stamps commemorating one hundredth anniversary of creation of Territory of Minnesota.

Sent to the Senate with amendments:

Land Transfer: H. R. 183, authorizing transfer of U. S. property to the city of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Admiralty Jurisdiction: H. R. 238, extending admiralty jurisdiction, relative to maritime-tort claims.

Cargo Laws: H. R. 3229, exempting Hawaii and Alaska from cargo-manifest laws.

Nurse Corps: H. R. 4090, to equalize retirement benefits among members of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps.

Land Transfer: H. R. 4455, to convey certain lands to Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac R. R.

Indian Jurisdiction: H. R. 4725, to confer jurisdiction of the several States over offenses committed by or against Indians on Indian reservations.

Government Employees: S. 1486, providing payment of compensation to employees improperly removed or suspended from Federal service.

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Memorial Services: Reported, considered, and agreed to H. Res. 502 (H. Rept. 1561), fixing Monday, May 17, 1948, for holding memorial services in the House of Representatives.

House Employee: Reported, considered, and agreed to H. Res. 497 (H. Rept. 1562), authorizing payment of 6 months' salary and \$250 toward defrayment of funeral expenses, to estate of recently deceased House employee.

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Klamath Indians: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 2502, to provide for the general welfare and advancement of the Klamath Indians in Oregon, thus completing legislative action.

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Rules: Adopted H. Res. 499 and H. Res. 501, rules providing time for general debate and consideration of amendments to the export-control bill and rent-control extension bill, respectively.

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Export Control: Passed, by voice vote, H. R. 5470, to repeal that section of the Stabilization (Anti-Inflation) Act of 1947, removing the use of price as a criteria in granting export licenses by the Department of Commerce.

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Rent Control: Debated S. 2182, extending rent control until March 31, 1949. The Senate version would extend controls until April 31, 1949. As reported to the House by the Committee on Banking and Currency, the measure now provides for the transfer of Federal power to local boards to raise rents or lift rent ceilings; landlord-tenant agreements to leases through 1949 with a 15 percent rent increase; precluding tenants from provisions of the new law who agreed to 15-percent increases in 1947; and directing the Federal Administrator to relieve landlords who prove hardship cases. Postponed further consideration until Tuesday.

Housing Committee: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. Con. Res. 155, to continue the Joint Committee on Housing beyond March 15, 1948, completing all necessary action.

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Joint Session: Adopted H. Con. Res. 160, providing for a joint session of the Congress on Wednesday, March 17, at 12:30 p. m., to hear an address by the President.

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Special Orders: Under special orders the following-Members addressed the House: Mr. Ramey, on the European recovery program, and Mrs. Rogers of Massachusetts, on the subject of veterans' affairs. Pages 2889-2891

Committee Meetings

MORTGAGE INSURANCE

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met on extension and amendments to title VI of the National Housing Act, relating to mortgage insurance, and heard Raymond M. Foley, Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency; and Franklin D. Richards, Commissioner, Federal Housing Administration, both of whom testified in support of the legislation.

D. C. ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on the Judiciary met on H. R. 4884, providing regulations governing the practice of engineering and to establish a Board of Registration, and heard Representative Hinshaw, sponsor of the bill; E. L. Chandler, American Society of Civil Engineers; Alex B. Rankin, representing Universal Council of Engineers; Foster J. Pratt, AFL; Joseph McGarrity, Washington Board of Trade; William C. Strickler, president of the National Association of Power Engineers; Jesse M. West, Local 99, International Operating Engineers; W. L. Hill; Col. W. L. Simpson; Bernard Locraft, representing the Washington Society of Engineers; Henry Snelling; J. F. Fox; and H. D. Woodson.

The subcommittee also had under consideration H. R. 5752, amending the Architects Registration Act for the District of Columbia, in order to safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare, and heard the following witnesses: Representative Muhlenberg, sponsor of the bill; William Denton, chairman of the American Institute of Architects; L. M. Leisenring, president, Board of Examiners, Registrars, and Architects; Julian Berla; Abner L. Roe, vice president of the William P. Lipscomb Co.; F. Joseph Donohue, attorney at law; all of whom testified in support of the bill. The committee also heard Christopher DeJean Hercules present suggested amendments.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Continued drafting of bill in executive session and announced they would meet in morning, afternoon, and night sessions to expedite the legislation.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS—BRAVERY MEDAL

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 3 met on S. 1077, to amend section 4450 of the Revised Statutes permitting commissioned Coast Guard officers to conduct disciplinary proceedings, and heard Walter E. Maloney, National Federation of Shipping; Capt. Schuyler Cumings, American Merchant Marine Institute; Capt. Donald Preble, Master Mariners' Guild, and the American Shipmasters' Association; Hoyt S. Haddock, executive secretary, and Louis R. Harolds, counsel, both of the National Maritime Union; Capt. A. C. Richmond, Coast Guard; and Harry V. Hayden, American Legion.

The subcommittee ordered favorably reported to the full committee H. R. 5434, authorizing the Attorney General of the United States to recognize and to award to outstanding, courageous young Americans a medal for heroism, known as the Young American Medal for Bravery.

Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights met in executive session to consider H. R. 3929, to amend the patent laws so as to protect the United States in certain instances.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization agreed to recommend favorably to the full committee two private immigration bills.

VIRGIN ISLANDS—INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions met on H. R. 3108, creating the Government-owned Virgin Islands Corporation, and continued reading the bill for amendments. Also heard Irwin W. Silverman, counsel, Division of Territories and Island Possessions; John C. Fentor, auditor, and Robert S. Brumagim, Assistant Director, both from the Corporation Audits Division of the General Accounting Office.

Subcommittee on Indian Affairs met to consider various submarginal land bills and received testimony from John Provinse, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs. No action was taken on pending bills.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Conducted a public hearing on the recent cuts in personnel of the Veterans'

Administration and received the testimony of Frank W. Kelsey, Assistant Administrator for Finance, and Sam Moore, budget officer, both of the Veterans' Administration.

NEW SUBCOMMITTEES

Committee on Ways and Means: The Committee today announced the creation of the following three subcommittees:

Subcommittee on Social Security: Reed, chairman; Woodruff, Kean, Curtis, Mason, Dingell, West, Mills, and Lynch.

Subcommittee on Tariff and Reciprocal Trade: Gearhart, chairman; Simpson, Byrnes, Ellis, Goodwin, Doughton, Cooper, Gregory, and Forand.

Subcommittee on Tax Revision: Jenkins, chairman; Martin, Grant, Holmes, Cooper, Camp, and Eberharter.

Joint Committee Meetings

ATOMIC ENERGY—LABOR

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Continuing hearings on labor problems confronting the Atomic Energy Commission, the committee received testimony by Silas W. Pickering 2d, director of industrial relations, Carbide & Carbon Chemicals Corp., on the problem of continued operation of the atomic energy plant at Oak Ridge. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TIDELANDS

Joint Meeting: Subcommittees of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees continued hearings on S. 1988, and similar bills, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, receiving testimony from Orin de Motte Walker, Jr., Robert E. Lee Jordon, et al.; Eugene Kelly, private public relations man of Washington, D. C.; and Willard W. Gatshell, FPC. Hearings continue Wednesday.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D169)

S. 1796, to provide for preservation of the frigate Constellation. Signed March 13, 1948 (P. L. 442).

H. R. 2161, authorization of an additional \$30 million for construction and operation of demonstration plants to produce synthetic liquid fuels from coal, oil shales, agricultural and forestry products, and other substances. Signed March 15, 1948 (P. L. 443).

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate rejected President's Reorganization Plan No. 1.

House passed rent-control extension bill and 56 Private Calendar Measures.

Bills on Presidential elections and regional education approved by House committee.

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Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2323 to S. 2332; S. J. Res. 197, and S. Res. 211.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill with

amendments (S. Rept. 1013), and Part II;

H. R. 4167, to authorize Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Washington to lease their State lands for production of oil, gas, and other hydrocarbons, amended (S. Rept. 1014).

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Bills Referred: Thirteen House-passed bills, passed on March 15, were referred to appropriate committees.

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Lend Lease Report: Twenty-fifth Report on Lend Lease was received.

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Government Employees: A conference was requested on S. 1486, to pay salaries for period of separation from Government service to persons improperly removed, and Senators Langer, Thye, and O'Conor were appointed as conferees.

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President's Reorganization Plan: After 4 hours' debate, by a vote of 58 yeas to 25 nays, Senate passed H. Con. Res. 131, expressing disapproval of the President's Reorganization Plan No. 1, transferring the USES and the Bureau of Employment Security to the Department of Labor, with functions of the Federal Security Adminstration in both cases being transferred to the same Department.

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Joint Session: H. Con. Res. 160, to provide for joint session of Congress to hear President deliver message tomorrow at 12:30, was adopted.

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Printing Resolution: Adopted S. Res. 211, to print 4,000 additional copies of report on income-tax bill (H. R. 4790).

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Construction of Vessels and Aircraft: Senate began consideration of H. R. 3051, to amend Vinson-Trammell

Act to repeal profit limitations and other limiting provisions relating to construction of vessels and aircraft.

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Commemorative Stamp: H. J. Res. 320, authorizing stamps commemorative of one-hundredth anniversary of Territory of Minnesota, was passed. Senate passed a like measure (S. J. Res. 178) on March 15.

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Nominations: Received nominations of Albert M. Cristy, of Hawaii, to be associate justice of Supreme Court of Hawaii, and of North Winship, of Georgia, to be Minister to Union of South Africa.

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Committee Meetings

CCC CHARTER

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Roger C. Slaughter, Kansas City, counsel for the Board of Trade for Chicago and Kansas City, the Minneapolis Grain Exchange, and the North American Export Grain Association, continued his testimony in opposition to the present form of S. 1322, to grant a Federal charter to the CCC. K. A. Brasfield, Director, Fiscal Branch of Production and Marketing Administration, Department of Agriculture, testified in support of the bill. Committee meets again tomorrow.

ARMY CIVIL-FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 5524, Army-Civil Functions Appropriation Bill, receiving testimony from many witnesses on proposed funds for various projects as follows: Senator Robertson of Virginia, on projects in Virginia; Senator Cordon on Pacific Northwest projects; Senators Bricker and Taft, Representatives Lewis, Carson, and McCowen, on Ohio River projects; Senator Russell and Representative Davis of Georgia, on Chattahoochee River projects; Senator Saltonstall and Representatives Nicholson on projects in Massachusetts; Representatives Philbin and Clason on Connecticut River projects; Senator Murray on the Milk River project; and Senator Sparkman on project on the Warrior-Tombigbee system. In the case of each project, private citizens, appearing

in behalf of themselves or in behalf of civic organizations, accompanied the Representatives and Senators, testifying, respectively, in support of these various projects in which they had interest. Other witnesses appeared before the subcommittee to testify in support of various projects not mentioned above. Hearings continue tomorrow.

LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Labor met in executive session to discuss pending legislation to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, but made no announcement.

VETERANS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Veterans met in executive session on pending veterans' legislation.

PAY INCREASES FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Committee met in executive session to consider further S. 1537,

omnibus pay-increase bill for Government employees, but made no announcement of action taken. Meet again Friday.

TVA

Committee on Public Works: L. B. Bolt, Knoxville, Tenn., completed his testimony before the Subcommittee on Flood Control and River and Harbor Improvements in support of S. 1277, amending comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and organization of the Authority, and placing it on an equal basis with other Government agencies. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARYLAND SENATORIAL ELECTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections met in executive session on the Maryland senatorial contested election case; will meet again Tuesday, March 23.

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Bills Introduced: Fourteen public bills, H. R. 5870-5883; one private bill, H. R. 5884; and sixteen resolutions, H. Con. Res. 161-176, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Four private bills, H. R. 700, 894, 2193, and 2889 (H.

Repts. 1565-1568, inclusive);

H. J. Res. 334, granting consent of Congress to regional education compact presently existing between the Southern States (H. Rept. 1569);

S. 2081, extending the provisions of the Federal Airport Act to the Virgin Islands (H. Rept. 1570); and

H. R. 5883, Agriculture Department appropriation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 1571).

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Bills Referred: Eight Senate-passed bills, passed on March 15, were referred to appropriate committees.

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Mining Research: Agreed to Senate amendment to H. R. 2453, to provide for mining research laboratory in North Dakota lignite consuming region, clearing bill for Presidential signature.

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Canadian Vessels: Passed S. J. Res. 172, to authorize vessels of Canadian registry to transport iron ore between U. S. ports on the Great Lakes during 1948.

Private Calendar: Fifty-six private bills were passed as follows:

Cleared for President: S. 401, 1407, and 1517.

Sent to Senate, amended: H. R. 333, 338, 345, 703, 761, 762, 817, 831, 1308, 1490, 1524, 1659, 1749, 1855, 2384, 2418, 2728, 2760, 3112, 3162, 3244, 3260, 3328, 3526, 3608, 3805, 3867, 3880, 3914, 4048, 4130, 4266, 4315, 4317, 4377, 4379, 4399, 4631; H. J. Res. 242; and S. 148, 400, and 773.

Sent to Senate without amendment: H. R. 344, 1724, 2372, 2602, 2698, 2922, 3113, 3352, 3824, 4441, and 4452.

Passed over without prejudice: H. R. 342, 814, 926, 1409, 1734, 1955, 2152, 2264, 2329, 2897, 3640, 4372, 5208, and S. 111.

S. 148 was passed in lieu of H. R. 1218, a companion bill.

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Rent Control: Passed, by a vote of 251 yeas to 132 nays, S. 2182, extending modified rent controls until March 31, 1949. The bill as returned to the Senate contains the amendment of the House Banking and Currency Committee which writes a completely new rent measure. This committee-approved amendment was adopted by a vote of 228 yeas to 155 nays. (For details of House version, see Digest for March 15.)

Twenty-one amendments were offered to the bill, all of which were defeated, except one minor clarifying change, which was accepted by the committee.

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Committee Meetings

OLEOMARGARINE

Committee on Agriculture: Met in executive session on oleomargarine tax bills and voted to table all pending oleomargarine bills for the remainder of the Eightieth Congress.

MORTGAGE INSURANCE

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met on H. R. 5854, extension and amendment of title VI of the National Housing Act, and heard Robert M. Lockwood and Thomas Coogan, representing the National Association of Home Builders, both of whom advocated extension of title VI without any changes; that a secondary market without recourse be created to provide liquidity for these loans; that the FHA Commissioner be given discretionary powers during the next year insofar as the interest rate is concerned. Hearings continue on March 18.

D. C. ARMORY—GIRLS TRAINING SCHOOL

Committee on the District of Columbia: March 15, Judiciary Subcommittee met in executive session at 7:30 p. m. and approved the draft of a new bill dealing with the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia National Guard Armory and agreed to favorably report it to the full committee.

March 16, Subcommittee on Health, Education, and Recreation met in executive session and voted to favorably report to the full committee H. R. 5227, authorizing commitment of children to the Board of Public Welfare in lieu of commitment to the National Training School for Girls.

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns subcommittee continued public hearings on the Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute and heard further testimony from Burton A. Zorn, attorney for a motion picture producers' association; Roy M. Brewer, international representative, and Matthew M. Levy, special counsel, both of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees; and John R. Robinson of Compton, Calif., who testified as to Herbert K. Sorrell's communistic affiliations. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Surplus Property met on bills now pending before the subcommittee and heard Representatives Hayes, Ploeser, Kennedy, and Weichel; Thomas L. Peyton and Patrick Kildey, both of the War Assets Administration; and C. H. McLain of the Department of Agriculture.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in morning, afternoon, and night session and continued drafting of bill.

CONTESTED ELECTION

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections met on the Mankin-Davis (Ga.) election contest and heard Mrs. Helen Douglas Mankin discuss alleged irregularities in the recent election in the Fifth Congressional District of Georgia. Hearing continues tomorrow.

RAILROAD SAFETY

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met on H. R. 4092, requiring railroads to conform to standards of safety and sanitation necessary for the protection of employees engaged in baggage, mail, or express train service, and heard Hartman Barber, general representative, Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express, and Station Employees; and John R. Creswell, messenger, Railway Express Agency, Santa Fe Railroad, Downers Grove, Ill., both of whom appeared in support of the legislation. Hearing continues tomorrow.

ELECTORAL CHANGE—REGIONAL EDUCATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the House: H. J. Res. 9, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for the election of President and Vice President (abolishing electoral college system, etc.); H. J. Res. 334, giving the consent of Congress to the compact on regional education entered into between the Southern States at Tallahassee, Fla., on February 8, 1948 (amended); and H. R. 5708, to exempt civilian members of the permanent Joint Board of Defense, United States-Canada, from certain statutory restrictions on outside activities.

PARKER RIVER WILDLIFE REFUGE

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Conservation of Wildlife Resources met on H. R. 3578, to reduce in area the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge in Essex County, Mass., and heard Representative Bates; Carl D. Shumaker, National Wildlife Federation; Willis Tobler, American Farm Bureau Association, and Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation; Clarence Cottam, Assistant Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; William P. Wharton, chairman, Massachusetts Conservation Council; John Pearce, regional manager, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

The subcommittee later ordered the bill favorably reported to the full committee.

FEDERAL PAY RAISE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met on various pay-raise legislation (Federal and postal) and heard Commissioner A. S. Flemming of the Civil Service Commission. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INDIANS-VIRGIN ISLANDS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Indian Affairs heard a delegation of Chippewa Indians of the

Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation of North Dakota, in addition to Harold E. Bruce, superintendent of the Turtle Mountain Reservation; Edward Jollie, chairman of the tribal advisory committee; Lewis Marion, secretary of the tribal advisory committee; and Martin Belgarde, vice chairman of the tribal advisory committee, all of whom urged action to alleviate the destitution of the Indians, provide for relief, food, clothing, education, and assist in their self-support.

John H. Provinse, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of

Indian Affairs, also testified briefly.

Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions met and continued reading for amendments the bill H. R. 3108, creating the Government-owned Virgin Islands Corporation. Also heard Irwin W. Silverman, counsel, Division of Territories and Island Possessions; John C. Fentor, auditor, and Robert S. Brumagim, Assistant Director, both from the Corporation Audits Division of the General Accounting Office.

PUBLIC WORKS

Committee on Public Works: Met in executive session for consideration and discussion of H. R. 5841, Federal-

aid Highway Act of 1948.

The committee approved a resolution to continue operation of Berlin Reservoir in Ohio, and voted to recommit H. R. 2656, pertaining to collection and removal of drift in the Baltimore Harbor, to the Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors for inclusion in the omnibus bill now under consideration before that subcommittee. Committee continues consideration of H. R. 5841 tomorrow.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Compensation and Pensions met in executive session and voted to report favorably to the full committee H. R. 5588, to provide increased compensation for certain veterans, with service-connected disabilities, who have dependents.

TOBACCO TAX-NEWSPRINT

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session on various bills and voted to favorably report to the House H. R. 5645, amended, which superseded H. R. 3345, and provides for assistance to States in collecting sales and use taxes on tobacco.

The committee also voted to report favorably H. R. 5553, extending until July 1, 1949, the free entry of newsprint paper in small widths.

Joint Committee Meetings

ATOMIC ENERGY—LABOR

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee continued its hearings on labor problems confronting the Atomic Energy Commission, receiving testimony from Cyrus Ching, Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, relative to continuity of operations in atomic-energy plants.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D175)

S. 1317, to give the Crow Indian Tribe power to manage certain lands. Signed March 15, 1948 (P. L. 444).

H. R. 3973, compensation of commissioners for Alaska. Signed March 15, 1948 (P. L. 445).

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HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses heard President in joint session.

House debated Agriculture appropriation bill.

Senate group opened hearings on UMT.

Bills on Government information, Federal-aid highways, and foreign aid approved by House committees.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 2986-2991

Bills Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2333 to S. 2339; and S. J. Res. 198.

Bills Referred: Forty-nine House-passed bills and one House-passed joint resolution, passed on March 16, were referred to appropriate committees.

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Tax Report: Permission was granted Finance Committee to file supplemental report during recess on H. R. 4790, individual income-tax-reduction bill.

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President's Message: Senate met in joint session with the House to hear the President deliver his message. See House Chamber.

Pages 2991, 2996-2998

Housing: Amendment of House to S. 2182, to extend rent control until April 30, 1949, was disagreed to, a conference was asked and conferees were appointed as follows: Senators Tobey, Cain, Flanders, Taylor, and Sparkman.

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Construction of Vessels and Aircraft: It was agreed that further consideration of H. R. 3051, to amend Vinson-Trammell Act to repeal profit limitations and other limiting provisions relating to construction of vessels and aircraft, would be laid aside and that the Senate would proceed to consideration of H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill, which was made the pending business.

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Private Bills: House amendments to S. 400 and S. 773, private bills, were agreed to, thus clearing the bills for the President's signature.

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Nominations: Eight civilian and ten Marine Corps nominations were received.

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Committee Meetings

TOBACCO

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee heard the following witnesses testify in support of S. 2282, to make Virginia fire-cured tobacco, comprising type 21, a separate kind of tobacco: Senator Byrd; L. M. Walker, Virginia Agriculture Commissioner; Dr. J. L. Maxton, VPI; J. W. Dunnington, president, Dunnington Tobacco Co.; W. G. Suhling, Jr., president Suhling & Co., leaf dealers and exporters; G. H. Stalling, Jr., of G. Stalling & Co.; M. A. Hubbard, executive secretary, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation; J. Mott Robertson, secretary-treasurer, Virginia Dark Tobacco Warehousemans Corp.; and Thomas B. Hall, general manager, Virginia Dark-Fired Tobacco Growers Marketing Association. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ARMY CIVIL FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 5524, Army Civil Functions Appropriation Bill, receiving testimony from the following witnesses on proposed funds for projects in California, Minnesota, and Indiana: Royal Miller, W. A. Smith, Warren Atherton, George Henderson, C. L. Kaupke, Charles Deterding, F. V. Keesling, Edward Hyatt, W. G. Stone, Capt. Norvin A. Fay, Peter E. Mitchell, A. S.

Dudley, Frazer Bailey—all private citizens from California, representing various groups; Senator Ball, Representatives Leroy Johnson, Lea, Nixon, McDonough, Elliott, and Mitchell; and Seth Levine, CIO Maritime Committee.

UMT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee opened hearings on universal military training, receiving testimony from Secretary of State Marshall in support of such legislation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

GREEK-TURKISH AID

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in executive session with George C. McGhee, Coordinator for Aid to Greece and Turkey, State Department; Maj. Gen. A. M. Harper; and Maj. Gen. Horace L. McBride, to discuss additional aid to Greece and Turkey. After the meeting, it was announced the committee will meet again Friday to write up a proposed bill on the subject.

TVA AND NOME HARBOR

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control and River and Harbor Improvements received testimony in support of S. 1025, improving harbor at Nome, Alaska, from Brig. Gen. Dale Gafney; Carl J. Lomen; Frank H. Whaley; and G. R. Jackson, all of Alaska. General Gafney told the subcommittee of the need for improving this harbor in order to bring in supplies for air bases in and around Nome.

James M. Meek, assistant to the U. S. attorney, Knoxville, Tenn.; Arthur L. Davis, TVA, at Knoxville; and James N. Snyder, formerly with the TVA, all testified in support of S. 1277, amending comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and organization of the Authority, and placing it on an equal basis with other Government agencies. Hearings continue tomorrow.

OIL SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

Special Committee to Study Problems of American Small Business: Oil Subcommittee investigated the need for the development and expansion of oil resources in the U. S. and the Western Hemisphere, and received testimony on the subject from Secretary of Defense James Forrestal; Secretary of Commerce W. Averell Harriman; Assistant Secretary of State Willard L. Thorp; Robert Eakins, Petroleum Division of State Department; James Terry Duce, vice president, Arabian-American Oil Co.; and G. H. Vogel, and Capt. Ralph E. Wilson, Armed Services Petroleum Board.

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Bills Introduced: Eight public bills, H. R. 5885-5892, and eight private bills, H. R. 5893-5900, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Report was made as follows:

H. R. 5708, to exempt civilian members of the permanent Joint Board of Defense, United States-Canada, from certain statutory restrictions on outside activities (H. Rept. 1572).

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Presidential Message: Before a joint session of both Houses of Congress, President Truman recommended early passage of the European recovery program and universal military training and temporary selective service legislation.

The message will be printed as House Document No. 569.

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Escort Committee: The Speaker appointed Representatives Halleck, Taber, and Rayburn as a committee on the part of the House to escort the President into the Hall of the House.

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Election Investigations: Pursuant to H. Res. 461, creating a special committee to investigate the election of Members of the House of Representatives, the Speaker appointed Representatives Rizley, Fellows, Harness, Harris, and Fogarty.

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Alien Fiancées: Agreed to Senate amendment to H. R. 4838, extending until December 31, 1948, the validity period of the act to facilitate admission into the United States of alien fiancés or fiancées of members of the U. S. armed services thus completing legislative action.

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Agricultural Appropriations: Debated H. R. 5883, the Department of Agriculture appropriation bill for 1949. This bill carries a total of \$543,283,453 in direct appropriations for salaries and expenses of the agencies of the Department of Agriculture, exclusive of the Farm Credit Administration, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949. Postponed further consideration until tomorrow.

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Rural Mail Carriers: Adopted the conference report (H. Rept. 1538), on S. 203, increasing the allowance made to rural carriers for use and maintenance of their equipment, from 6 to 7 cents a mile, for the period of 2 years.

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Committee Meetings

OLEOMARGARINE

Committee on Agriculture: Met in executive session and adopted a motion to appoint a subcommittee of five to

study oleomargarine taxes and report to the full committee by December 31, 1948.

Gus Giessler of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Branch, Department of Agriculture, appeared before the committee to clarify different types of crop insurance. Later the committee agreed to report favorably to the House the following two bills: H. R. 5564, amending the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended; and H. J. Res. 354, providing for the disposition of the Government irrigation experiment station at Bard, Calif., and to establish in lieu thereof a similar station at or near Brawley, Calif.

ARMED SERVICES ACTIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Legal Subcommittee met on miscellaneous Senate bills and heard Representative Sundstrom, Phillip W. Kelleher of the Navy Department, and Albert L. Kind of the Port of New York Authority, all of whom appeared in connection with S. 1581, allowing additional time to city of Newark, N. J., for paying certain installments on purchase price of Port Newark army base.

Capt. Ira H. Nunn of the Department of Navy testified on S. 1799, making the law relating to illegal wearing of a uniform of the armed forces applicable to all places within the jurisdiction of the United States.

Representative Forand and Capt. Merle Van Metre, Office of Chief of Naval Operations, both testified in connection with S. 1551, authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to sell a parcel of unimproved land in Middletown, R. I.

On S. 1478, authorizing transfer of portion of Fort Wingate military reserve to New Mexico, the committee received further testimony from Phillip W. Kelleher of the Navy Department.

Subcommittee agreed to report S. 1581 and S. 1799 favorably to the full committee and deferred action on S. 1551 and S. 1478 until a later date.

Subcommittee on Heavy Munitions met on H. R. 4490, Navy salvage facilities bill, and heard Vice Adm. Earle Mills, Bureau of Ships. Hearing continues tomorrow.

D. C. BILLS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Met in executive session and voted to report favorably to the House the following seven bills:

H. R. 5227, providing that children be committed to the Board of Public Welfare in lieu of being committed to the National Training School for Girls;

H. R. 4636, providing a broader basis for the issuance of licenses to practice medicine in the District of Columbia (reciprocity);

H. R. 4572, regulating the issuance of automobile learners' permits;

H. R. 5874, dealing with the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia National Guard Armory;

H. R. 5856, extending present D. C. Rent Control Act to April 30, 1948;

H. R. 4649, providing that compensation of members of the Alcoholic Control Board shall be in accordance with the classification act; and

S. 468, to increase the amount of property which the Imperial Palace, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, may hold from \$100,000 to \$5,000,000.

HOLLYWOOD LABOR DISPUTE

Committee on Education and Labor: Kearns Subcommittee continued public hearings on the Hollywood jurisdictional labor dispute and received further testimony from Roy M. Brewer, international representative, Matthew M. Levy, special counsel, and Richard Walsh, president, all of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees; John R. Robinson, of Compton, Calif.; and Burton A. Zorn, attorney for a motion-picture producers' association. Hearings will continue on May 17.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TO CONGRESS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The committee, by a vote of 17 to 6, with 5 members reserving their rights to offer amendment or oppose the bill on the floor, voted to report out H. J. Res. 342, amended, directing all executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government to make available to any and all standing, special, or select committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, information which may be deemed necessary to enable them to properly perform the duties delegated to them by the Congress.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: The committee continued work on the bill and later announced approval of the European recovery program section of the combined bill authorizing \$5.3 billions for the first year; \$1 billion of which is to be provided in the form of loans from the Export-Import Bank. Meeting continues tomorrow.

CONTESTED ELECTIONS

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections met to consider Mankin-Davis (Ga.) and Lowe-Davis (Ga.) election contests and heard Mrs. Helen Douglas Mankin; James C. Davis and his attorney, John A. Dunaway; and Wyman C. Lowe. Subcommittee adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

RAILROAD SAFETY

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met on H. R. 4092, requiring railroads to conform to stand-

ards of safety and sanitation necessary for the protection of employees engaged in baggage, mail, or express train service, and heard Robert Morgan, vice grand president in charge of express, Brotherhood of Railway Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees, Cincinnati, Ohio; Rupert S. Hughes, general chairman, South Atlantic District Board of Adjustment, Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees, Richmond, Va.; William J. Shea, messenger, Railway Express Agency, Taylor, Pa.; M. U. Garvine, express messenger, Cumberland, Md.; John T. Corbett, national legislative representative, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Washington, D. C.; W. D. Johnson, vice president and national legislative representative, Order of Railway Conductors, Washington, D. C.; and Harry See, national legislative representative, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Washington, D. C.

SUITS IN ADMIRALTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 met on H. R. 4873, to extend the time limit within which certain bids in admiralty may be brought, and heard Francis D. Harrigan, of Boston, Mass.; Abraham M. Fisch and Jacob Rassner, both of New York City; and Jerry Massey, of the United States Maritime Commission.

Subcommittee on Claims met and agreed to recommend nine private claims bills favorably to the full committee.

SHIPBUILDING

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Met on matters concerning ships, shipyard workers, and ship operators, and heard Hon. Charles A. Wolverton, chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce; John Green, president of the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers of America; George Brunner, mayor of Camden, N. J.; Charles A. Ross, mayor of Quincy, Mass.; Joseph Fern, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Weymouth, Mass.; William H. Atkinson, vice president, Chamber of Commerce, Camden, N. J.; and Alexander Purdon, executive secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Quincy, Mass.

Later the committee heard T. Matthews, former president, Camden, N. J., Chamber of Commerce; Campbell Sturtyvant, president, Industrial Union of Fall River Workers, Quincy, Mass.; Thomas Saul, executive, Local No. 1, Industrial Union, Maritime and Shipbuilding Workers of America, CIO; Emilio Della Chiesa, president, Quincy, Mass., City Council; and J. A. Brownlow, secretary and treasurer, Metal Trades Department, AFL., all of whom appeared in favor of enlarging the shipbuilding industry and the merchant fleet. Hearing continues on March 23.

FEDERAL PAY RAISE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Rees Subcommittee met on various pay-raise bills for Government employees and heard further testimony from Civil Service Commissioner A. S. Flemming, and Joseph Winslow, adviser on personnel and management, Bureau of the Budget.

INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Indian Affairs met on H. R. 3685, sale of burial ground of Wyandotte Indians, Kansas City, Kans., and heard the following witnesses in support of the bill: Representative Schwabe, sponsor of the bill; Grady Lewis, attorney, representing Wyandotte Indians; Mont Carter, chief of the Wyandotte Indians of Oklahoma; Ruth Waters, secretary of the Wyandotte Indians of Oklahoma; and Mrs. Philip Peacock, member of the Wyandotte Tribe. Errett P. Scrivner, of Kansas, appeared in opposition

to the bill.

The subcommittee also heard John Provinse, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs. Subcommittee adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY ACT

Committee on Public Works: Met in executive session on H. R. 5841, Federal Aid Highway Act of 1948, and after adopting several amendments instructed the chairman of the Subcommittee on Roads to introduce a clean bill, embodying the amendments, and prepare a report thereon. The chairman of the full committee will then report favorably to the House the new bill, introduced in lieu of H. R. 5841.

Joint Committee Meetings

TIDELANDS

Joint Meeting: Subcommittees of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees continued hearings on S. 1988, and similar bills, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, receiving testimony from J. T. Sanders, the National Grange; Senator Holland, introducing a statement by J. C. Cooper; C. M. Wright, lawyer of Washington, D. C.; and Edward Harris, St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Thursday, March 18, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

By votes of 33 to 45 Senate rejected two amendments to repeal oleomargarine taxes.

House passed Agricultural Department appropriation bill for 1949. Senate group approved tidelands bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 3033-3036

Bills Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2340 to S. 2346.

Bill Reported: Report was made as follows:

S. 2342, extension for temporary period provisions of the D. C. Emergency Rent Act (no written report).

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Rural Mail Carriers: Conference report was adopted on S. 203, increasing by 1 cent per mile for next 2 years the allowance made to rural mail carriers for use and maintenance of their equipment; this action clears the bill for the President's signature.

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Income Tax Reduction: Senate considered H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill, rejecting two

amendments—one by Senator Maybank, and a substitute therefor by Senator Fulbright, to repeal taxes on oleomargarine. Each was defeated by 33 yeas to 45 nays.

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Committee Meetings

TOBACCO

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: In further hearings on S. 2282, to make Virginia fire-cured tobacco, comprising type 21, a separate kind of tobacco, the committee heard Senator Barkley; Representative Chapman; Paul Rudolph, secretary-treasurer and general manager, Tom Pepper, attorney, both of the Eastern Dark-fired Tobacco Growers Association; L. L. Veal, general manager, Western Dark-fired Tobacco Growers Association; and John W. Jones, president, Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, testify in opposition to the bill. J. E. Thigpen and George E. Powell, Tobacco Branch,

PMA, USDA, presented the position of the Department of Agriculture in opposition to the measure.

ARMY CIVIL-FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee in further hearings on H. R. 5524, Army Civil-Functions Appropriation Bill, heard the following Senators and Representatives, together with many private citizens from the various areas concerned, testify in support of funds for flood control and river and harbor projects in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Kentucky, and Illinois, with particular attention to the Lower Mississippi Flood Control, Jonesville, La., and Jefferson Parish: Senator Overton, with State officials from Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi; Senators Ellender, Eastland, Stennis, Cooper, Barkley, Hill, and Sparkman; Representatives Boggs of Louisiana, Whittington, Williams, Bates of Kentucky, Vursell, and Bishop.

Verbon E. Kemp, executive secretary for Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, urged the subcommittee to reduce as much as possible the total amount of appropriations provided in the bill. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UMT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued hearings on universal military training, receiving testimony in support of such legislation from Secretary of Defense James Forrestal, Secretary of Army Kenneth Royall, Secretary of Navy John Sullivan, and Secretary of Air Force Stuart Symington. Hearings continue Monday.

OIL SHORTAGE, LIQUOR ADVERTISEMENTS, AND NOMINATIONS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: The nomination of Henry A. Jones, to CAB, was ordered reported to the Senate after the committee received testimony from the nominee.

The committee referred H. R. 3510, to authorize the construction, protection, operation, and maintenance of a public airport in Alaska, to subcommittee for further study.

S. Res. 210, to investigate shortage of petroleum, petroleum products, and natural gas, was ordered referred to the Oil Subcommittee for further study.

Committee agreed to hold public hearings on the revised draft of the Capper bill (S. 265), to prohibit advertisement of alcoholic beverages.

It was agreed to meet tomorrow on the nomination of Burton N. Behling, to be a member of the FPC.

TIDELANDS

Committee on the Judiciary: By a vote of 2 to 1, the sub-committee approved for reporting to its full committee, S. 1988, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, after subcommittees of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees had received additional testimony on this legislation from T. S. Hogan, Los Angeles, and Oren Walker, lawyer of Washington, D. C.

DISTRICT COURT NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee met in evening session (7:15 p. m.) to hear witnesses on the nomination of Edward Allen Tamm, to be associate justice of Federal District Court for D. C. Details on witnesses will be carried in tomorrow's Digest.

TVA

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control and River and Harbor Improvements received testimony from M. V. Howard, president, Lower Cumberland Valley Association, Dover, Tenn., in favor of S. 1277, amending comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and organization of the Authority, and placing it on an equal basis with other Government agencies. He told the subcommittee he believed the powers of the TVA should be curtailed and brought more closely under Government control; he opposed extension of TVA area to include the Lower Cumberland Valley. Hearings continue tomorrow.

EXPORT CONTROL POLICIES

Special Committee to Study Problems of American Small Business: Export Subcommittee heard Harry Levey, New York, accompanied by Dr. Mitchell Salem Fisher, counsel, and Durant Rose, New York, testify on export licenses which appear to have been forged. Also present were: J. Edward Ely, chief, Foreign Trade Division, Census Bureau; Wallace S. Thomas, director of export operations, Office of International Trade, both of Department of Commerce; and Frank Russell, assistant deputy commissioner, Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department. A total of ½ million dollars' worth of such licenses were submitted in evidence.

Senators Martin and Wherry have asked Attorney General Clark for an immediate investigation of the situation with respect to illegal operations in export control and trafficking in export licenses.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eleven public bills, H. R. 5901-5911; six private bills, H. R. 5912-5917; and three resolutions, H. Res. 504, and H. Con. Res. 177 and 178, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 403, private bill (H. Rept. 1573);

H. R. 5173, to extend date wherein alien husbands may enter this country as nonquota immigrants (H. Rept. 1574);

H. R. 2286, to amend Nationality Act of 1940, relative to English-language reading requirements, arms bearing, and marital residence status (H. Rept. 1575);

S. 468, private bill (H. Rept. 1576);

H. R. 4649, to direct that positions of D. C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Board members be classified under Classification Act of 1933 (H. Rept. 1577);

H. R. 5564, to make crop insurance coverage available to crops being produced as well as stored (H. Rept. 1578); and

H. J. Res. 354, to dispose of the Government irrigation experiment station at Bard, Calif. (H. Rept. 1579).

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Rent Control: Agreed to conference, requested by the Senate, on S. 2182, extending provisions of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, and Representatives Wolcott, Gamble, Smith of Ohio, Kunkel, Spence, Brown of Georgia, and Patman were appointed as conferees.

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Agriculture Appropriations: Passed H. R. 5883, the Department of Agriculture appropriation bill for 1949. As sent to the Senate, the measure carries a total of \$545,-533,453 to be supplied for the activities of this Department, exclusive of the Farm Credit Administration, in the year ending June 30, 1949. This amount is \$86,-993,198 less than the total of direct appropriations for fiscal 1948. While it is \$89,799,027 below the Budget Bureau's estimate for direct appropriations for 1949, a transfer of \$65,000,000 from permanent appropriations, for the school-lunch program, would make the actual net decrease only \$24,799,027 from the Budget's 1949 estimate. The bill also contains a \$400,000,000 authorization in REA loans to be borrowed from the Treasury.

The following amendments were adopted:

By Mr. Bates of Massachusetts, providing for research and marketing work relating to the fishing industry, toward development of foreign markets; By Mr. H. Carl Andersen, adding \$2,000,000 to the Extension Service section containing the young people's agricultural educational program, such as 4-H Clubs; and

By Mr. Barrett, to increase the Forest Service estimate by \$250,000, for a systematic program of reseeding cattle ranges.

District Bills: Committee on the District of Columbia was granted permission to file reports on sundry District bills by midnight, March 19.

Poge 3112

European Recovery Program: Committee on Foreign Affairs was granted permission to file by midnight, March 20, a report on S. 2202, U. S. foreign policy for postwar recovery program.

Poge 3116

Special Orders: Under special orders, Representative Holifield addressed the House on the subject of the Palestine partition.

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Committee Meetings

FUTURE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Met in executive session and discussed future programs of the committee.

NAVY SALVAGE FACILITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Heavy Munitions Subcommittee continued public hearings on H. R. 4490, navy salvage facilities bill, and heard John D. Conner, attorney, Washington, D. C.; Capt. William A. Sullivan, Department of the Navy; Robert J. Kennedy, Corps of Engineers, Army Department; and Albert Gatov, president, Pacific-American Steamship Association.

MORTGAGE INSURANCE

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met on extending and amending title VI of the National Housing Act relating to mortgage insurance, and heard James W. Rouse, Mortgage Bankers Association of America, and Calvin Snyder, National Association of Real Estate Boards, both of whom testified in support of the legislation, if amended.

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY FOR POSTWAR RECOVERY PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Continued their work in executive session.

RAINFALL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in public hearings on H. R. 4582, directing the chief of

the Weather Bureau to conduct experiments in rainfall control and authorizing \$500,000 therefor, and heard Representative Simpson of Illinois; Dr. D. E. Chambers, executive engineer of Research Laboratory, General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.; Dr. F. M. Reichelderfer, Chief of Weather Bureau; Dr. B. T. Shaw, assistant research administrator, Department of Agriculture; A. A. Brown, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; A. M. Buswell, chief, State Water Survey Division, Department of Registration and Education, State of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.; Dale M. Myers, Kansas City, Mo.; and G. Francis Nauheimer, director, Glare Research Institute, Chicago, Ill.

MULTIPLE TAXATION—TORT CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 met on H. R. 127 and 5199, to amend the Judicial Code in respect to the original jurisdiction of the District Courts (to determine domicile to prevent multiple State taxation on the wages and salaries of Federal employees), and heard Representatives O'Hara, Wolverton, and Boggs of Delaware; and Vance Kirby, U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue.

The subcommittee later ordered favorably reported to the full committee H. R. 4682, to amend the Federal Tort Claims Act, to increase the time within which claims under such act may be presented to Federal agencies or prosecuted in the United States district courts (amended to make time 2 years instead of 1 year, as present law provides).

PANAMA CANAL

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Panama Canal met in open hearings to consider further H. R. 5103 and H. R. 2817, amending the Panama Canal Zone Code, and H. R. 5104, incorporating the Panama Railroad Company as an agency and instrumentality of the United States and as an adjunct of the Panama Canal, with an initial capital stock of \$25,000,000, and heard Brig. Gen. Joseph C. Mehaffey, Governor of the Panama Canal; Bernard F. Burdick, Chief of Office, the Panama Canal; and William L. Ellis and Harold S. Morse, both of the General Accounting Office. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL HOLIDAY—STAMPS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Met in executive session and ordered the following bills reported favorably to the House:

H. R. 5779, making December 24, 1948, a holiday for all Federal officers and employees;

H. J. Res. 339, providing for the issuance of a special postage-stamp series in honor of volunteer firemen;

H. J. Res. 340, authorizing the issuance of a special series of stamps commemorative of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Turners Society in the United States; and

H. J. Res. 341, authorizing the issuance of a special series of stamps commemorative of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Fort Kearney in the State of Nebraska.

The committee also approved a preliminary report on personnel offices in the Federal Government.

PUBLIC LANDS BILLS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Public Lands met on various pending bills and heard Conrad L. Wirth, chief of lands, National Park Service, and Jacob N. Wasserman, counsel, Bureau of Land Management, both of the Department of the Interior.

Later the subcommittee ordered the following seven bills favorably reported to the full committee:

H. R. 4203, to establish eligibility for burial in national cemeteries;

H. R. 4512, providing for the conveyance of certain land to the Northeastern State Teachers College, Oklahoma;

H. R. 4551, providing for the addition of certain surplus Government lands to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore recreation project;

H. R. 5763, authorizing sale of certain lands in Utah; H. R. 5816, to amend the act which established Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park;

S. J. Res. 94, to establish the Fort Sumter National Monument in the State of South Carolina; and

S. 1583, providing for the conveyance to the State of Maryland, certain lands for the use of the University of Maryland.

The committee voted to table H. R. 5586 and S. 1620.

VETERANS' PENSIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Compensations and Pensions met on H. R. 5616, to insure granting of pension to certain World War I and World War II veterans unemployable due to disabilities, and heard Quintus E. Camp, assistant national director for legislation, Disabled American Veterans; T. O. Kraabel, director of rehabilitation; Dr. H. G. Shapiro, senior medical consultant; and Charles Stevens, director of claims service, all of the American Legion.

RAILROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE—TARIFF

Committee on Ways and Means: Met on H. R. 5711, amending the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, as amended, and received testimony from J. Carter Fort, vice president and general counsel, and Dr. Julius H. Parmelee, vice president and director, Bureau of Economics, both from the Association of American Railroads, both of whom supported the legislation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

The committee, in executive session, adopted a resolution stating "that any action of the President or the Department of State prior to the consideration by Con-

gress of the International Trade Organization shall not, insofar as the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives is concerned, be construed as a commitment by the United States to accept all or any of the provisions of the proposed Charter."

Joint Committee Meetings

D. C. FISCAL AFFAIRS

Joint Meeting: Subcommittees of the House and Senate District of Columbia Committees received testimony on D. C. taxes generally from John Russell Young, D. C. Commissioner; General Gordon Young, D. C. Engineer Commissioner; Walter Fowler, D. C. Budget Officer; Edward Dent, D. C. Tax Assessor; and Vernis Absher, representing Federation of Citizens' Associations. Miss Marylin Sforzin, Americans For Democratic Action, and

Gertrude Evans, CIO, testified in opposition to sales tax; K. W. Heberton, vice president, Western Union, opposed sales tax as applied to telegrams; William H. Baker discussed inequality of tax on pensions to disabled veterans; and Mrs. Francès McIlwee criticized unnecessary D. C. expenses. Subcommittees continue tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D179)

H. R. 4980, acquisition of certain lands within Glacier National Park in Montana. Signed March 16, 1948 (Public Law 446).

H. R. 3936, authorizing U. S. Park Police to make arrests within Federal reservations in D. C. Signed March 17, 1948 (Public Law 447).

Friday, March 19, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate acted on various amendments to tax bill and agreed to vote on passage on Monday.

Senate committees approved bills on aid to Greece and Turkey, Governmentowned rubber plants, and Federal Credit Union.

House committees approved bills on foreign aid and mortgage-insurance

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 3119-3122

Bills Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows:

S. 2347 to S. 2354;

S. J. Res. 199; S. Con. Res. 47; and S. Res. 212 and 213.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 5314, providing for the maintenance of an adequate rubber-producing industry (S. Rept. 1015);

S. 1989, limiting lump-sum payment provisions for accrued annual leave, in transferring to agencies operating under different systems, to cases subsequent to approval of act of March 14, 1936 (S. Rept. 1016).

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Bill Referred: One House-passed bill, passed on March 18, was referred to appropriate committee. Poge 3122

Greek-Turkish Aid: Permission was granted Committee on Foreign Relations to file report on Greek-Turkish aid bill during week-end recess. Poge 3151 Income-Tax Reduction: Senate continued consideration of H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill, adopting by 67 yeas to 15 nays the committee amendment covering proposed changes in estate taxes, as modified by the following two amendments which were adopted: Connally amendment, relating to basis of surviving spouse's interest in community property, and Millikin amendment repealing 1942 community-property estate tax on any death since December 31, 1947 (after defeating, by 33 yeas to 46 nays, Connally amendment thereto to make retroactive to December 31, 1941, the repeal of community-property estate tax).

The following amendments to the bill were rejected: McCarran amendment, to eliminate 15 percent transportation tax, by 13 yeas to 57 nays; O'Mahoney amendment, to restore excess-profits tax, by 26 yeas to 58 nays (after adopting by voice vote amendment thereto by Senator Johnson exempting from taxation certain income used by corporations for capital improvement); and Fulbright amendment, extending to corporations a \$15,000 exemption, by 21 yeas to 46 nays.

It was agreed, under unanimous consent, that a vote would be taken at 5 p. m. Monday, March 22, upon all amendments and final passage of the bill. The time between 3 and 5 p. m. would be occupied in debate equally divided between proponents and opponents and controlled by Senators Millikin and Connally, respectively.

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Nominations: The nomination of Joseph J. O'Connell, Jr., of New York, to be a member of the CAB, 71 post-masters, 65 Air Force, and 1 major general in the Army of the U. S. were received. Two nominations were withdrawn—Burton N. Behling, to be a member of FPC, and one postmaster.

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Committee Meetings

CCC

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Subcommittee met in executive session to consider S. 1322, to grant a Federal charter to the CCC, but took no final action. It will meet again on this at a later date.

ARMY CIVIL-FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee concluded hearings on H. R. 5524, Army Civil Functions Appropriation Bill, after receiving testimony from various witnesses listed below on flood control and river and harbor projects in West Virginia, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Florida, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Michigan, Delaware, Iowa, Illinois, Washington, New York, and Missouri; and on salmon problems in the Pacific Northwest and on the Panama Canal: Senators Revercomb, Thomas (of Okla.), Pepper, Holland, Myers, Martin, Baldwin, McMahon, Ferguson, Williams, and Magnuson; and Representatives Snyder, Love, Stigler, Rogers (of Fla.), Sikes, Martin (of Iowa), Twyman, Short, and Reed (of N. Y.); together with various witnesses from different parts of the U.S. in behalf of projects in their respective areas. Senator Revercomb appeared in opposition to the Gathright Dam.

RUBBER, FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, AND NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking and Currency: In executive session the committee ordered reported H. R. 5314, providing for the maintenance of an adequate rubber-producing industry, after striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting the language of S. 2187, as amended by committee, therefor. As approved, the bill would require the Government to maintain temporarily Government-owned rubber plants, with an operating capacity of at least 600,000 long tons of general purpose

synthetic rubber, and 65,000 tons of special purpose synthetic rubber; the President would be authorized to require the use of synthetic rubber in tires and tubes; the President would be required to recommend legislation by January 15, 1950, for disposal of all Government-owned synthetic plants.

The existing legislation on this subject expires as of March 31. The House version of the bill was passed on March 5.

S. 2225, to transfer administration of Federal Credit Union Act to the FSA, was also approved for reporting.

The nominations of John Taylor Eagan, New York, to be Public Housing Commissioner, and Oscar Kent Le Roque, North Carolina, to be a member of the Home Loan Bank Board, were ordered reported favorably.

GREEK-TURKISH AID

Committee on Foreign Relations: In executive session, by a vote of 13 to 0, the committee approved the draft of a bill to authorize an additional \$275 million for aid to Greece and Turkey. A new bill will be introduced and reported at the same time.

Following the above action, the committee considered aid to China, but failed to reach a final decision. Committee meets again tomorrow.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Public Lands met in executive session to consider various bills. It will report the action taken on these measures to the full committee on April 5.

DISTRICT COURT NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee, in its session last night, heard the following witnesses testify on the nomination of Edward Allen Tamm, to be associate justice of Federal District Court for D. C.: the nominee for himself; John J. Carmody, American Bar Association; James J. Laughlin, attorney of Washington; and Prescott Dennett and Ernest F. Henry of Washington.

TVA

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control and River and Harbor Improvements heard Dr. Arthur E. Morgan discuss S. 1277, amending comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and organization of the Authority, and placing it on an equal basis with other Government agencies, suggesting to the subcommittee that the powers of the TVA should be curtailed and that it should be brought more closely under Government control. M. V. Howard, president, Lower Cumberland Valley Association, Dover, Tenn., continued his testimony from yesterday.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 22, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

OIL—PAY BILLS

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil met on the subject of the Elk Hills petroleum reserve, and received testimony of T. Girard Davidson, Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior, and Rear Adm. O. S. Colclough, Judge Advocate General, Navy Department.

Subcommittee on Pay and Administration considered H. R. 5344, to prevent retroactive checkage of retired pay of certain enlisted men and warrant officers, and heard Representative Bradley of California; Commander David Martineau, Navy Department; Rear Adm. Chas. C. Hartman, Navy Department; and Charles Lafler, secretary, Fleet Reserve Association. This measure was ordered reported to the full committee as amended.

The same subcommittee also considered the following two bills which were orderd favorably reported to the full committee:

H. R. 5805, extending the Mustering-Out Pay Act. Representative Keating was heard on this measure; and

H. R. 5870, to increase allowances for escorts of repatriated war dead, hearing Maj. Gen. George A. Horkan, Chief, Memorial Branch, Quartermaster General's Office.

MORTGAGE INSURANCE

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met in executive session on H. R. 5854, extending and amending title VI of the National Housing Act, pertaining to mortgage insurance, and voted to report the bill, with amendments, to the House.

The bill, as reported, is extended for 1 year; the authorization was increased another \$2 billion, \$1 billion statutory and \$1 billion discretionary with the President. The total authorization, including the \$1 billion discretionary is now \$6,950,000,000. The Administrator was granted discretionary authority to approve loans bearing interest up to 5 percent per annum. Section 609 was amended to facilitate interim financing of prefabricated housing between time of manufacture and setting-up on site. Section 610 was amended to make title VI financing available to purchasers of Greentown projects.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1948

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Continued their work in executive session and later announced their approval of

the Foreign Assistance Act of 1948, which carries a total authorization of \$6,205,000,000 for foreign assistance. The total is made up of the following items:

Children's fund \$60,000,000.
Greece-Turkey \$275,000,000.
China (economic) \$420,000,000.
China (military) \$150,000,000.
European recovery program \$5,300,000,000.

CONTRACT SETTLEMENT—PATENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 continued hearings on H. R. 4928, H. R. 5040, and H. R. 5192, to amend the Contract Settlement Act, and heard the following witnesses: Philip Nichols, chief counsel, Bureau of Federal Supply, and John H. Fanning, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Army.

Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights discussed in executive session H. R. 2860, textile designs, and H. R. 3929, to amend the patent laws so as to protect the United States in certain instances.

PANAMA CANAL

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Panama Canal met in open hearings to consider further H. R. 5103, and H. R. 2817, amending the Panama Canal Zone Code, and H. R. 5104, incorporating the Panama Railroad Company as an agency and instrumentality of the United States and as an adjunct of the Panama Canal, with an initial capital stock of \$25,000,000, and heard Brig. Gen. Joseph C. Mehaffey, Governor of the Panama Canal; Bernard F. Burdick, Chief of Office, the Panama Canal; and H. B. Cusick, Earl Taggert, William L. Ellis, and Harold S. Morse, all of the General Accounting Office. Hearings continue March 25.

COLORADO RIVER—VIRGIN ISLANDS—PUBLIC LANDS—INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation met on H. R. 5901, distribution of receipts of Colorado River development fund, and heard Judge Clifford H. Stone, of Denver, Colo., director, Colorado Water Conservation Board; L. C. Bishop, State engineer, Cheyenne, Wyo.; T. W. Jensen, of the Utah Water and Power Board; W. Rollins, director, National Reclamation Association; Joe L. Budd, president, Wyoming Reclamation Association; and J. G. Will, assistant chief counsel, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, all of whom appeared in support of H. R. 5901.

The subcommittee voted to report H. R. 5901 favorably to the full committee; also ordered favorably re-

ported to the full committee H. R. 4201, providing payments to public schools serving Fort Peck project, Montana.

Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions met on H. R. 5004, to incorporate the Virgin Islands Corporation. This bill supersedes H. R. 3108 and contains amendments which were added to H. R. 3108. The subcommittee heard Irwin W. Silverman, counsel, Division of Territories and Island Possessions; John C. Fenton, accountant, and Robert S. Brumagim, Assistant Director, both from the Corporation Audits Division of the General Accounting Office. H. R. 5904 was ordered reported to the full committee.

Subcommittee on Public Lands met on H. R. 3785, authorizing commendation of lands in Cass County to State of Minnesota for fish propagation; H. R. 3378, pertaining to Everglade National Park, Fla.; H. R. 4966, relative to sale of certain homes and apartments in Boulder City, Nev.; and H. R. 5609, relative to survey of Mississippi River Parkway. Representative Knutson and E. V. Willard, deputy commissioner of conservation, State of Minnesota, appeared in support of H. R. 3785. Representative Bates of Kentucky, appeared in behalf of H. R. 3335, providing for the establishment of the Albert Sidney Johnston National Monument. Conrad L. Wirth, Assistant Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, appeared in opposition to H. R. 3335. The subcommittee voted to report H. R. 3785, 3378, 4966, and 5609 favorably to the full committee but deferred action on H. R. 3335.

The Subcommittee on Indian Affairs met on H. R. 5651, conveyance of lands in South Dakota for municipal or public purposes, and heard John Provinse, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Representative Case, speak in favor of the legislation.

The subcommittee considered H. R. 5262, authorizing the sale of Indian lands acquired under the act of June 18, 1934, and under the act of June 26, 1926, and heard Representative Case testify in favor of the bill.

The subcommittee also considered H. R. 4642, providing for disposition and use of tribal funds of Navajo Tribe of Indians, and heard John Provinse, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

H. R. 3430, providing for the payment of revenues from lands to the tribal funds of the Confederated Tribes on the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, was next considered by the subcommittee and the following witnesses were heard: T. Leland Brown, attorney, of Dallas, Oreg.; F. M. Goodwin, chief counsel of the Confederated Warm Springs Indian Tribes; and Clifford Meecham, Avex Miller, and Alec Tohet, delegates from

Later the subcommittee ordered H. R. 5651 and H. R. 5262 reported to the full committee with amendment,

and H. R. 4642 reported to the full committee without amendment. No final action was taken on H. R. 3430.

FLIGHT TRAINING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Education, Training, and Rehabilitation met in executive session and ordered H. R. 5848, aviation flight training under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, to be favorably reported to the full committee as amended.

RAILROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Committee on Ways and Means: Met on H. R. 5711, amending the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act by substituting a graduated pay-roll tax on railroads for the present flat rate of 3 percent for financing the railroad unemployment compensation system, and heard Frank Squier, member, Railroad Retirement Board, Chicago, Ill., who appeared in favor of the bill.

The committee heard the following witnesses in opposition to the bill: L. P. Schoene, counsel, Railway Labor Executives Association, Washington, D. C.; Harry See, national legislative representative of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Washington, D. C.; David B. Schreiber, associate general counsel, Railroad Retirement Board, Chicago, Ill.

COMMODITY TRANSACTIONS

Select Committee Investigating Transactions on Commodity Exchanges: Met in executive session and heard Jesse B. Gilmore, President of Commodity Credit Corporation and PMA, who appeared before the committee and gave details with reference to Government purchases of wheat and flour during the past 14 months. Mr. Gilmore was accompanied by William McArthur, Frank K. Woolley, and Ralph S. Trigg.

Joint Committee Meetings

RAILROAD REORGANIZATION

Conferees met in executive session to iron out the differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of H. R. 2298, Railroad Reorganization Act, providing a procedure whereby the ICC may approve action by railroads not in bankruptcy to alter or modify their debt obligations. The House conferees agreed to recede from the House position and accept the Senate amendments to the House-approved bill. Conference report will be filed with the two Houses at a later date.

D. C. FRANCHISE TAX

Joint Meeting: Subcommittees on Fiscal Affairs of the House and Senate District of Columbia Committees held hearings on H. R. 5317 and H. R. 5563, to amend the D. C. Revenue Act to exempt certain business transactions from franchise tax, and received testimony in favor of the general objectives of the bill urging changes in the D. C. Income and Franchise Tax Act of 1947 as it affects out-of-town business people: Representatives Fallon, Beall, Smith, Sasscer, Stanley, Deane, and Durham. Vernon E. West, D. C. Corporation Counsel, George C. Updegraff, Assistant Corporation Counsel, and Edward A. Dent, D. C. Tax Assessor, opposed the legislation.

Also testifying in support of the legislation were J. T. Ryan, executive vice president, Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association; M. C. McCarthy, Chicago; R. Harwood Bagley, R. L. Jenkins and W. G. Ewald, of Baltimore; Maury Nee, Washington; Howard P. Castle,

National Canners Association; John Skilling, National Food Brokers Association; and Melville Ehrlich.

BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Law

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D187)

H. R. 2293, amending the act to regulate navigation on the Great Lakes and tributaries, to insure greater safety for vessels and their crews, relating to range lights. Signed March 18, 1948 (P. L. 448).

Monday, March 22, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

By a vote of 78 to 11 Senate passed bill on income-tax reduction. House passed interim foreign aid appropriation bill. Senate group approved China aid bill. House group cleared foreign-aid bill for floor debate.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 3173-3177

Bills Introduced: Fifteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2355 to S. 2369; and S. Res. 214.

Pages 3175-3176

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2358, to authorize an additional \$275 million for aid to Greece and Turkey (S. Rept. 1017);

S. 2278, authorize the sale of certain public lands in San Juan County, Utah, to the Southwest Indian Mission (S. Rept. 1018).

Special report on individual views of Senator Mc-Carthy on housing, in pursuance of H. Con. Res. 104 (S. Rept. 1019).

Income Tax Reduction: By 78 yeas to 11 nays, the Senate passed H. R. 4790, individual income tax reduction bill after rejecting Morse amendment regarding carry-overs of net operating loss, by 22 yeas to 68 nays; and Morse amendment regarding optional tax in case of small corporations and their shareholders, by 31 yeas to 59 nays. The following amendments were defeated by voice vote: Langer amendment to increase personal exemption of taxpayer and spouse to \$1,000 each; O'Mahoney amendments en bloc relating to percentage depletion for oil and gas wells, and for amortization de-

duction for synthetic liquid fuel plants; Pepper amendment respecting tax credits; Pepper amendment limiting tax on any taxpayer to 50 percent of net income; and Morse amendments on: capital gains and losses, taxability of interest on future governmental obligations, deduction for expenses for certain domestic services, exclusion from taxation of amounts received as annuities, and exclusion from tax of profits received on sale of residences in certain cases; and McMahon amendment to reapply excess-profits tax.

Two perfecting amendments by Senator Millikin were adopted.

Pages 3177-3233

Confirmations: The following nominations were confirmed: Harold Armstrong Jones, of California, to be a member of the CAB; Oscar Kent LaRoque, of North Carolina, to be a member of Home Loan Bank Board; and John Taylor Eagan, New York, to be Public Housing Commissioner.

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Committee Meetings

LABOR-FEDERAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee opened its hearings on H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriations, and received testimony from the following witnesses, accompanied by their respective assistants, concerning the funds for their respective agencies: John

W. Gibson, Assistant Secretary of Labor; William L. Connolly, Director, Bureau of Labor Standards; Robert K. Salyers, Director, the Bureau of Veterans' Reemployment Rights; and Ewan Clague, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics—all of the Department of Labor. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UMT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued hearings on universal military training with Dr. Karl T. Compton, Chairman of the President's Advisory Commission on UMT, and former Supreme Court Justice Owen Roberts testifying in support of the legislation.

The committee met in an afternoon executive session with Secretary of State Marshall, Secretary of Defense Forrestal, and Secretary of the Army Royall. Hearings continue tomorrow.

CHINA AID

Committee on Foreign Relations: In executive session the committee voted 13 to 0 to report a new bill (to be introduced) to grant aid to China at the rate of \$463 million for a 12-month period. As approved, the committee would place the China aid program on the same fiscal basis as the ERP, reducing it from a 15- to a 12-month basis, and in direct ratio from \$570 million to \$463 million. The amount approved would be divided as follows: \$363 million for provisions applicable under the ERP and under the ERP Administration; \$100 million to be granted to China to be used to suit its own necessities and purposes; \$50 million of the total amount would be authorized immediately, until appropriations could be made through RFC credit.

The approved bill and the accompanying report are expected to be filed on Thursday.

The chairman announced that the committee would meet again Wednesday in executive session with Secretary of State Marshall for a general discussion of the entire foreign-policy situation. The nomination of North Winship, of Georgia, to be Minister to South Africa, together with seven routine Foreign Service nominations, were ordered favorably reported.

LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Labor met in executive session to discuss pending legislation to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, but made no announcement.

TVA AND RURAL ROADS

Committee on Public Works: Col. Stephen B. Ives, Director, Corporation Audit Division, GAO, testified before the Subcommittee on Flood Control on S. 1277, amendin comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and organization of the Authority, and placing it on an equal basis with other Government agencies, to favor an amendment of the act providing for legislative controls of TVA activity.

On Saturday, Subcommittee on Roads heard Senators Stewart and Young testify in support of enactment of S. 2264, creating a Rural Roads Division in Public Roads Administration. Thomas H. MacDonald, Commissioner of Public Roads, appeared in opposition to the bill on the basis that the rural roads were taken care of in the general bills now under consideration by the committee and under the recommendations of the President's recent message relating to Federal aid for highways. Hearings continue tomorrow on S. 1277.

ANTIPOLL TAX

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee opened hearings on H. R. 29, anti-poll-tax bill, and received testimony in opposition to the legislation from Col. Albert Carmichael, attorney general for Alabama; Judge George H. Ethridge, assistant attorney general for Mississippi; Senator Sparkman; Representative Williams; and Jesse F. Orton, New York attorney. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-two public bills, H. R. 5918-5939; eleven private bills, H. R. 5940-5950; and six resolutions, H. Res. 505, H. J. Res. 355-358, and H. Con. Res. 179, were introduced.

Pages 3249, 3265-3266

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 4572, regulating the issuance of learners' driving permits for pupils taking driver-training courses in high schools (H. Rept. 1580);

H. R. 4636, authorizing certain medical specialists to practice medicine in the District of Columbia without examination (H. Rept. 1581);

H. R. 5227, providing for commitment of children to the Board of Public Welfare in lieu of commitment to the National Training School for Girls (H. Rept. 1582);

H. R. 5856, extending present D. C. Rent Control Act to April 30, 1948 (H. Rept. 1583);

H. R. 5874, creating an Armory Board to rule on jurisdiction of D. C. National Guard Armory (H. Rept. 1584);

S. 2202, Foreign Assistance Act of 1948 (H. Rept.

1585);

H. J. Res. 355, interim appropriation bill for foreign aid, Indian welfare, and tax refunds (H. Rept. 1586);

H. Res. 505, rule waiving all points of order and providing for 15 hours' debate on S. 2202, the Foreign Assistance Act of 1948 (H. Rept. 1587);

H. R. 5645, to assist States in collecting sales and use

taxes on cigarettes (H. Rept. 1588);

H. R. 5779, to make Friday, December 24, 1948, a holiday for all Federal employees (H. Rept. 1589);

H. R. 5553, extending until July 1, 1949, the period during which 9-inch newsprint may be imported duty-free (H. Rept. 1590);

S. 805, authorizing appropriation for construction of a high-school building near Roosevelt, Utah, for district embracing east part of Duchesne County and west part of Uintah County (H. Rept. 1591);

H. R. 5854, amending title VI of the National Housing Act relating to mortgage insurance (H. Rept. 1592);

Preliminary report from the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service entitled, "Study of Personnel Offices in the Executive Departments and Agencies of the Government" (H. Rept. 1593);

H. R. 5888, amending the Federal Aid Road Act of 1916, to authorize appropriations for continuing the construction of highways (H. Rept. 1594); and

H. J. Res. 342, directing departments and agencies of the Government to furnish to all committees of Congress, upon request, information necessary for proper performance of legislative duties (H. Rept. 1595).

Pages 3249, 3264-3265

Change of Conferee: Representative Monroney was appointed to succeed Representative Patman as a conferee on S. 2182, Housing and Rent Act of 1947.

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District of Columbia: Considered and passed the following bills from the District of Columbia Committee—

Driving permits: H. R. 4572, amended, regulating the issuance of learners' driving permits to allow pupils to operate an auto in driver-training courses in high schools.

Property holding: S. 468, to increase the amount of property which the Imperial Palace, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, may hold from \$100,000 to \$5,000,000.

Rent Control: H. R. 5856, extending present D. C. Rent Control Act to April 30, 1948.

ABC Compensation: H. R. 4649, providing that compensation of members of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board shall be fixed in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923.

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Armory Jurisdiction: H. R. 5874, creating an Armory Board to rule on nonmilitary activities to be held in the armory and the disposition of proceeds therefrom.

Commitment: H. R. 5227, providing for commitment of children to the Board of Public Welfare in lieu of commitment to the National Training School for Girls.

Medical practice: H. R. 4636, authorizing certain medical specialists, to practice medicine in the District of Columbia, without examination, who have already passed the examinations of a national examining board (reciprocity).

Pages 3245–3250

Interim Appropriation: Reported, considered, and adopted H. J. Res. 355 (H. Rept. 1586), making appropriations for foreign aid, welfare of Indians, and tax refunds. This bill provides \$55 million for aid to Austria, France, and Italy, which is to be deducted from the money provided by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1948. The Bureau of Indian Affairs receives \$125,000 for Indian welfare, and the Bureau of Internal Revenue receives \$500 million for refunding of revenue collections.

Admission Tax: Considered and passed H. R. 5065, exempting from admission tax, hospitalized servicemen and veterans, when admitted free.

Pages 3254-3255

Independent Offices Appropriations: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 5214, independent offices appropriation bill for 1949; agreed to conference, and Representatives Wigglesworth, Phillips of California, Robertson, Coudert, Hendricks, Andrews of Alabama, and Thomas of Texas were appointed conferees on the part of the House.

Veto Message: Read messages from the President, who returned, without his approval, H. R. 1152, 2012, 2268, and 431, all private bills.

Pages 3262-3264

Special Orders: Under special orders, Mr. Elliott discussed labor and working conditions on DiGiorgio farms in Kern County, Calif.

Pages 3255–3262

Committee Meetings

OIL—DISABILITY RETIREMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Special Subcommittee on Oil on the subject of the Elk Hills petroleum reserve heard testimony from S. I. Williams, vice president, Pike Drilling Co.; Frank S. Parker, geologist, Signal Oil & Gas Co.; and Robert E. Paradise, attorney, Western Oil & Gas Association, all of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Floyd S. Bryant, vice president of Standard Oil Co. of California.

The Legal Subcommittee met in executive session for the further consideration of the disability retirement investigation.

The Subcommittee on Organization and Mobilization also held an executive session.

RAILROADS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: The full committee heard Representative Elliott, sponsor of H. R. 5807, amending the Hospital Survey and Construction Act; and Representative Crosser, sponsor of H. R. 5875, amending the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act; both of whom explained the objectives of their bills.

At the public hearing on H. R. 5623, the railroad omnibus bill, testimony was furnished by the following witnesses:

Chester C. Thompson, president, the American Waterways Operators; A. U. Krebs, counsel, National Federation of American Shipping, Inc.; and J. M. Souby, general solicitor, Association of American Railroads; all of Washington, D. C.; Albert Gatov, president, Pacific American Steamship Association, San Francisco, Calif.; and Dr. Walter M. W. Splawn, Commissioner, Interstate Commerce Commission.

MOTION-PICTURE INDUSTRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights conducted hearings on H. R. 5014, amending copyright laws for the purpose of charging performers' rights against the motion-picture producers; ASCAP now charges performers' rights against theater operators. Testifying before the committee, affiliated with the Allied States Association of Motion Picture Exhibitors, were Abram F. Myers, general counsel; Sidney E. Samuelson, general manager, Allied Independent Theater Owners of Eastern Pennsylvania, Inc.; Trueman T. Rembusch, president, Associated Theater Owners of Indiana, Inc.; Joseph P. Uvick, director, Allied Theaters of Michigan, Inc.; and Martin G. Smith, president, Independent Theater Owners of Ohio. Appearing for the Theater Owners of America, were Ted R. Gamble, Portland, Oreg.; A. Julian Brylawski, Washington, D. C.; and Herman Levy, New Haven, Conn. Also testifying were Edward Kilroe, chairman; Adolph Schimel, and Abe Montague, all of the Motion Pictures Producers Association of America, Inc.; and James M. Barnes, Society of Independent Motion Picture Producers.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization agreed to recommend favorably H. R. 5880, to correct an error in The Nationality Act, and two private immigration bills.

AMERICAN RIVER-ALASKA

Committee on Public Lands: The Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation, in consideration of H. R. 4152 and 4157, authorizing development of the American River Basin in California, heard the following witnesses, all of whom testified in behalf of the legislation: Julius A. Krug, Secretary of the Interior, and William E. Warne, Assistant Secretary of the Interior; Representatives Engle, Miller, and Anderson, all of California; A. S. Dudley, secretary-manager of the Sacramento Chamber

of Commerce; and Charles Detterding, county manager, Sacramento, Calif. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Consideration of H. R. 5666, Alaska Statehood bill, was deferred until the regular committee meeting on April 6.

D. C. COURTHOUSE

Committee on Public Works: Bolitha J. Laws, chief justice, U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia; Harold M. Stephens, chief justice, U. S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C.; H. G. Hunter, Assistant Commissioner of Public Buildings, FWA; and Meade Keller, counsel, Public Buildings Administration, were the witnesses appearing before this group in its consideration of H. R. 5795, authorizing construction of a new courthouse for the U. S. Court of Appeals and the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1948

Committee on Rules: Heard Chairman Eaton and Representatives Bloom, Vorys, Jackson, Mundt, and Judd, of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, who favored a resolution providing consideration for S. 2202, a bill to promote the general welfare, national interest, and foreign policy of the United States through necessary economic and financial assistance to foreign countries which undertake to cooperate with each other in the establishment and maintenance of economic conditions essential to a peaceful and prosperous world. A resolution waiving points of order against the bill, and providing 15 hours of general debate was ordered reported.

Joint Committee Meetings

D. C. FISCAL AFFAIRS AND PAY FOR TEACHERS

Joint Meeting: Fiscal Affairs Subcommittees of the House and Senate District of Columbia Committees received further testimony on the fiscal affairs of the District of Columbia with the following witnesses testifying in opposition to franchise taxes: Joseph L. Stanton, Maryland Public Expenditure Council, Inc., Baltimore; W. R. McClayton, Baltimore; Edgar Waltermeyer, Baltimore; and J. Nelson Anderson, general counsel, Federation of Business Men's Associations. Gen. Walter McCoach and Joe Morgan, Washington Board of Trade; and Mrs. Leslie Wright, citizen of D. C., testified in favor of sales tax.

Mrs. Frances Lichtenberg, Washington League of Women Shoppers; Mrs. Ray Ginsberg, United Public Workers, CIO; Mrs. Sybil Dinaberg, Washington Committee for Consumer Protection; and David Whatley, D. C. attorney, testified against sales tax. Herman Lane, engineer in the District of Columbia, favored improvement in sewage disposal so as to get a new source of revenue.

On Saturday, subcommittees meeting jointly, heard the following witnesses from the District of Columbia discuss inequities in pay to teachers in the District of Columbia, with nine of them recommending pay increases for teachers: Hobart M. Corning, Superintendent of Schools; Paul Cook, president, AF of Teachers; Eber Jeffery, High School Teachers Association; Dr. Woodrow L. Derricote, D. C. Teachers Branch, CIO; Regis Boyle, Education Association of the District; Miss Selma Borchardt, American Federation of Teachers; Miss Helen Samuels, Junior High School Teachers of the D. C.; Agnes L. Motyka, Teachers Union, AFL; James W. Taylor, Elementary Classroom Teachers Association; Robert Botkin, Council of Educational Organizations; Caroline Manns, Elementary Classroom Teachers Association; and Miss Ruth Kintz, D. C. citizen.

RENT CONTROL

Conferees met in executive session on House and Senate passed versions of S. 2182, to extend rent control until

April 30, 1949, but did not reach final agreement over the differences. Meet again tomorrow.

PAPER CONTRACTS

Joint Committee on Printing: Committee awarded contracts for 76 lots of paper comprising 16,185,000 pounds and representing 76 percent of the total estimated requirements for the 3-month period beginning April 1, 1948. The value of the new schedule is \$1,784,883, a decrease of \$21,617 from the schedule of the current quarter.

BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Law

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D191)

H. R. 3175 to add certain lands to the Shasta National Forest, California. Signed March 19, 1948 (P. L. 449).

Tuesday, March 23, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed bills on Greek-Turkish aid, rubber, D. C. rent, and newspaper vendors, and adopted conference report on railroad reorganization. House passed mortgage-insurance bill and opened debate on foreign assistance. House committee cleared income-tax-reduction bill for floor action.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 3266-3271

Bills Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2370 to S. 2375.

Bill Reported: A report was made as follows:

S. 1950, to provide for a decennial census of housing (S. Rept. 1020).

Bills Referred: Six House-passed bills and one Housepassed resolution, passed on March 22, were referred to appropriate committees. Pages 3269-3270

Bill Re-Referred: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. R. 183, authorizing transfer of U. S. property to the city of Fairbanks, Alaska, and same was re-referred to Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

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Newspaper Vendors: H. R. 5052, to exclude certain vendors of newspapers or magazines from certain pro-

visions of the Social Security Act and Internal Revenue Code, was passed without amendment and cleared for the President's signature.

Pages 3267-3268

D. C. Rent Control: Also passed without amendment and cleared for the President's signature H. R. 5856, extending present D. C. Rent Control Act to April 30, 1948. S. 2342, a similar bill, was indefinitely postponed.

Railroad Reorganization: Conference report on H. R. 2298, Railroad Reorganization Act, providing a procedure whereby the ICC may approve action by railroads not in bankruptcy to alter or modify their debt obligations, was adopted.

Pages 3270–3271

Rubber: Senate passed H. R. 5314, providing for the maintenance of an adequate rubber-producing industry, after striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting therefor the language of S. 2187, as reported by the committee, and as modified by two clarifying amendments by Senator Taft.

Pages 3271-3275

Greek-Turkish Aid: S. 2358, to authorize an additional \$275 million for aid to Greece and Turkey, was debated and passed by voice vote.

Pages 3275-3288

Federal Aid to Education: Motion carried by 53 yeas to 21 nays to make S. 472, Federal aid to education, the pending business.

Pages 3288-3295

Nominations: Received four civilian nominations including reappointment of Nellie Tayloe Ross, to be Director of the Mint.

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Confirmations: Eight Foreign Service appointments, including that of North Winship, of Georgia, to be Minister to the Union of South Africa, were confirmed.

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Committee Meetings

LABOR-FEDERAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriations, receiving testimony from Senator Taft, as chairman of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report, in support of funds for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The following, each accompanied by their assistants, testified in support of funds for their respective divisions of the Government: Miss Frieda S. Miller, Director, Women's Bureau, Department of Labor; FSA Administrator Oscar R. Ewing, William McCauley, Director of Bureau of Employees' Compensation; Henry C. Iler, chairman, Employees' Compensation Appeals Board, and Michael J. Shortley, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation—all of the FSA. Hearings continue tomorrow.

STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee opened hearings on H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations, receiving testimony on funds for the Department of State from Secretary of State Marshall, Assistant Secretaries Willard L. Thorp, Norman Armour, John E. Peurifoy, and George V. Allen, and Charles E. Bohlen, counselor, together with members of their staffs. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UMT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued hearings on universal military training with Joseph C. Grew, Vice Chairman, National Security Committee, and Clem D. Johnston, U. S. Chamber of Commerce, testifying in support of the legislation. The following testified in opposition: J. T. Sanders, National Grange; Russell Smith, National Farmers Union; Herbert W. Voorhees, American Farm Bureau Federation; Frederick J. Libby, executive secretary, National Counsel for Prevention of War; Robert Tesdell, United Christian Youth Movement; Richard L. Van Nort, student and member of Philadelphia Christian Youth Council;

Arthur Schutzer, executive secretary, American Labor Party; and Brig. Gen. Julius Klein, Jewish War Veterans of U. S. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee heard T. Leland Brown and F. M. Goodwin, attorneys for Warm Springs Indians, together with four Indians of the Warm Springs Tribe testify in support of S. 1243, to provide payment of revenues from certain lands into the tribal funds of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon; Howard Hopkins, Assistant Chief of U. S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, testified in opposition to the bill.

William Zimmerman, Jr., Acting Commissioner of Bureau of Indian Affairs, also appeared.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee continued its hearings on S. 1812, to establish a Department of Transportation, with the following witnesses testifying in opposition to the bill but approving certain of its objectives: Carter Fort, vice president and general counsel, Association of American Railroads; J. M. Hood, president, American Shortline Railroad Association; Jack G. Scott, general counsel, National Association of Motor Bus Operators; and former Representative Robert R. Ramspeck, vice president, Air Transport Association. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PRIVATE BILL

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee heard testimony on S. 704 (H. R. 631), private bill, and received testimony in support of the bill from Richard Breed, president, Allied Aviation Corp., and Charles J. McGarvey, executive vice president; Hudson Cox, general counsel, Navy Department, also appeared.

HOUSING CENSUS—GOVERNMENT PAY INCREASE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Committee approved for reporting S. 1950, to provide for a decennial census of housing.

The omnibus pay increase bill for Government employees (S. 1537), was considered further in closed session, but no final action was taken.

Two postmaster nominations were favorably approved.

TVA

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control continued hearings on S. 1277, amending comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and organization of the Authority, and placing it on an equal basis with other Government agencies. E. W. Rising, chairman, Coordinating Committee of

National and Regional Land and Water Organizations, appeared in opposition to further extension of valley authorities, and further extension of TVA; Walter J. Mason, AFL, opposed the proposed amendments to TVA, holding that TVA was the most effective collective-bargaining organization in government, and should not be subject to civil-service rules and regulations; M. H. Hedges, technical adviser, TVA Trades and Labor Council, opposed any changes in provisions of TVA as now operating with respect to employees. Hearings continue Monday.

ANTIPOLL TAX

Committee on Rules and Administration: Hearings were continued on H. R. 29, anti-poll-tax bill, with the following witnesses testifying in opposition to the bill: Governor Tuck of Virginia; Senators Maybank, Johnston of South Carolina, Holland, and O'Daniel; Rep-

resentative Almond; Frank J. Looney, Louisiana; and Monroe Fulmer, assistant attorney general for South Carolina. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARYLAND SENATORIAL ELECTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections met in closed session to consider further the Maryland senatorial contested election case, but made no announcement. Subcommittee meets again Tuesday, March 30.

EXPORT LICENSES

Special Committee to Study Problems of American Small Business: Export Subcommittee received testimony from John A. Quinn, of Jersey City, N. J., in connection with forged export licenses. Hearings continue next Monday.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eighteen public bills, H. R. 5951-5968; thirteen private bills, H. R. 5969-5981; and seven resolutions, H. Res. 506-510, and H. J. Res. 359 and 360, were introduced.

Pages 3306, 3342-3343

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 5673, providing for the assurance of protection of U. S. citizens, and other persons, within the several States from mob violence and lynching (H. Rept. 1597);

H. R. 4508, authorizing construction of a reflecting pool at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Houston, Tex. (H. Pant 1808).

Rept. 1598);

H. R. 5344, to prevent retroactive checkage of retired pay in the cases of certain enlisted men and warrant officers appointed or advanced to commissioned rank or grade under act of July 24, 1941 (H. Rept. 1599);

H. R. 5805, extending the time within which application for benefits of the Mustering-Out Payment Act of 1944 may be made by veterans discharged from the armed forces before the effective date of such act (H. Rept. 1600);

H. R. 5870, providing increased allowances for the escorts of repatriated war dead (H. Rept. 1601); and

H. Res. 510, providing House concurrence with Senate amendments to H. R. 4790, to reduce individual incometax payments (H. Rept. 1602).

Foreign Aid: Adopted H. Res. 506 (H. Rept. 1596), authorizing the printing of 4,000 additional copies of the report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (H. Rept. 1585) entitled "Foreign Assistance Act of 1948."

Mortgage Insurance: Passed H. R. 5854, extending and amending title VI of the National Housing Act, pertaining to mortgage insurance. The provisions of the act were extended to March 31, 1949, with the authorization increased another \$2 billion, \$1 billion statutory and \$1 billion discretionary with the President. The total authorization, including the \$1 billion discretionary, is now \$6,950,000,000. The Administrator was granted discretionary authority to approve loans bearing interest up to 5 percent per annum. This measure was called up for consideration under a unanimous-consent agreement.

Pages 3306-3311

Government Employees: The House insisted on its amendments to S. 1486, to pay salaries for period of separation from Government service to persons improperly removed therefrom, and agreed to conference. Representatives Rees, Sadlak, and Murray of Tennessee were appointed conferees on the part of the House. Page 3311

Foreign Assistance: Adopted, by a roll-call vote of 314 yeas to 21 nays, H. Res. 505, rule waiving points of order and providing 15 hours of debate on the Foreign Assistance Act of 1948. Subsequent to the above adoption, the House commenced debate on the foreign assistance bill, spending the balance of the session therein before postponing further consideration until tomorrow.

Pages 3311-3342

Committee Meetings

ARMED SERVICES BILLS

Committee on Armed Services: Full committee to receive subcommittee bills and agreed to favorably report

the following to the House: H. R. 4490, amended, to authorize Secretary of the Navy to provide salvage facilities; S. 1641, amended, WAC-WAVE permanent status bill; S. 1791, relating to illegal wearing of U. S. service uniforms in all places within U. S. jurisdiction; and S. 1581, time extension for installment payments to Newark, N. J., on purchase of Port Newark Army base.

H. R. 4508, 5344, 5805, and 5870 were also favorably reported. For titles of these measures, see under "Bills

Reported" in chamber action above.

H. Res. 498, inquiring into sinkings and damage done to U. S. Army transports, was ordered to be reported adversely to the House.

SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSAL

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Surplus Property met and heard testimony on pending bills from sponsors of the bills and representatives of the War Assets Administration.

The subcommittee met later in executive session and ordered the following bills favorably reported to the full committee:

H. R. 3941, amended, providing special priorities for disposal of surplus agricultural real property.

S. 1302 (substituted for H. R. 4370), making surplus athletic equipment available to associations, groups, etc.

S. 2277 (substituted for H. R. 5799) to dispose of surplus real property to States, political subdivisions, and municipalities for public parks, etc.

H. R. 3031, with amendment, authorizing donations to States and educational institutions of surplus property, suitable for educational uses.

H. R. 5113, with amendments, for the relief of the estate of John W. Mitchell, deceased.

Subcommittee voted to table H. R. 4290 and 4238, the objectives of these bills having been incorporated in other legislation.

FEDERAL BARGE LINES

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Conducted public hearings on H. R. 4021, 5318, and 5476, to authorize sale of Federal Barge Lines, and heard from the following prospective purchasers: Theodore Brent, president, Mississippi Shipping Co., New Orleans, La.; Hugh Parker, president of the Warrior & Gulf Navigation Co., Birmingham, Ala.; and Harry Trustin, city commissioner of Omaha, Nebr. Hearings continue tomorrow.

CLAIMS—COURTS—PRISONS—DP's

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 4 agreed to recommend favorably to the full committee H. R. 5040, providing that claims under section 17 of the Contract Settlement Act must be filed within 6 months after enactment of this bill; S. 560, to prohibit the operation of gambling ships, etc.; S. 1696, to extend jurisdiction

of the U. S. District Court, Territory of Hawaii, over Canton and Enderbury Islands; S. 1648, to authorize the expenditure of income from Federal Prison Industries, Inc., for training of Federal prisoners.

Subcommittee on Claims conducted hearings on pri-

vate claims measures.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization considered draft of a bill having to do with displaced persons.

MERCHANT MARINE

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: The full committee met to consider further the status of the American merchant marine as affected by the Merchant Marine Act of 1946 and the Ships Sales Act of 1946, and heard L. R. Sanford, executive vice president; H. Gerrish Smith, president; Winder R. Harris, vice president, and C. C. Knerr, secretary and treasurer, all of the Shipbuilders Council of America.

AMERICAN RIVER

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation continued consideration on H. R. 4152 and 4157, authorizing development of the American River Basin in California for irrigation and reclamation. Testifying in support of this legislation were Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, Chief of Army Engineers; Maj. Gen. R. C. Crawford, Assistant Chief of Army Engineers; George Beard, Chief, Federal Control Division, Army Engineers; Michael W Straus, Commissioner of Reclamation; Ben W. Creim, power engineer, region No. 2, Bureau of Reclamation; and Sam Herman, VFW, Department of California. Opposing the legislation was John M. Luther, manager of the California Central Valley Flood Control Association. Hearings continue tomorrow.

D. C. COURTHOUSE

Committee on Public Works: Continued open hearings on H. R. 5795, authorizing construction of a new courthouse for the U.S. Court of Appeals and the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, and heard the following witnesses: Bolitha J. Laws, chief justice, U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and H. G. Hunter, Assistant Commissioner of Public Buildings, FWA, who furnished additional testimony. Also testifying in favor of the legislation were: Bruce Baird, president, National Savings & Trust Co., Washington, D. C.; Vernon West, D. C. Corporation Counsel; George Morris Fay, U. S. attorney, Washington, D. C.; and D. C. Commissioners Gordon Young and Guy Mason. Alfred D. Calvert, president, Lincoln Park Citizens Association, appeared in opposition to the legislation. Later in executive session the bill was amended, and a clean bill was ordered to be favorably reported to the House.

RULE—INCOME-TAX REDUCTION

Committee on Rules: Heard Chairman Knutson and Representative Doughton of the Committee on Ways and Means who favored a resolution providing for concurrence by the House in the Senate amendments to H. R. 4790, a bill to reduce individual income-tax payments. The resolution was ordered reported.

UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Committee on Un-American Activities: The Subcommittee on Legislation held an executive meeting and considered legislation presently pending before this group.

INCOME TAX

Committee on Ways and Means: Considered the Senatepassed version of H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill, and by a vote of 18 to 5, agreed to the Senate amendments. A rule providing for House action on the amended bill was later requested by the committee.

FATS AND OILS—COMMODITIES

Select Committee Investigating Transactions on Commodity Exchanges: Heard testimony of George Parks, Fats and Oils Division, Department of Agriculture, who told the committee that a leak on large increases of export allocations of fats and oils for the fourth quarter of 1947 had occurred prior to the public announcement of new allocations.

Also heard Joseph Mehl, Administrator of the Commodity Exchange Authority, who outlined the scope of Federal controls over commodity exchanges and commodity brokers.

Joint Committee Meetings

COAL STRIKES

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: Members met in closed session to examine the coal situation as it is changing from day to day, and agreed to take no immediate steps, but to keep itself informed of all developments.

RENT CONTROL

Conferees continued in executive session on S. 2182, to extend rent control until April 30, 1949, and reached agreements over most of the differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of the bill. The major issue remaining to be agreed upon is that of scope and position of the local boards. They meet again tomorrow.

Wednesday, March 24, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate on Federal aid to education.

House cleared income-tax reduction bill for President, and continued debate on foreign-assistance program.

Conferees reached agreement on rent-control extension.

Senate groups acted on veterans' housing and agricultural bills.

House opened hearings on war-surplus exports to Soviet.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 3343-3346

Bills Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2376 to S. 2381.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2173, amending the AAA relating to marketing agreements and orders affecting almonds, filberts, pecans, walnuts, and citrus fruits (S. Rept. 1021);

S. 1322, to grant a Federal charter to the CCC, with amendment (S. Rept. 1022);

H. R. 3538, authorizing Bureau of Reclamation to investigate projects for reclaiming lands by drainage (S. Rept. 1023);

S. 2361, to extend for 60 days the so-called title VI of the mortgage insurance law to help veterans to buy homes (S. Rept. 1024).

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Bill Referred: One House-passed bill, passed on March 23, was referred to appropriate committee.

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Rubber: A conference on H. R. 5314, to provide for the maintenance of an adequate rubber-producing industry,

was agreed to, and Senators Bricker, Cain, and Robertson of Virginia were appointed as conferees.

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Federal Aid to Education: Senate debated S. 472, Federal aid to education bill. Pages 3346-3375, 3378-3393

Rent Control: Permission was granted until midnight, March 24, to Committee on Banking and Currency to file conference report on S. 2182, rent-control extension.

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Nominations: 187 Army and 5 routine Foreign Service nominations were received.

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Committee Meetings

CCC, MARKETING AGREEMENTS, AND TOBACCO

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: In executive session the committee approved for reporting the following three bills: S. 1322, to grant a Federal charter to the Commodity Credit Corporation, amended, to make the charter perpetual; H. R. 3538, authorizing Bureau of Reclamation to investigate projects for reclaiming lands by drainage; and S. 2173, amending the AAA relating to marketing agreements and orders affecting almonds, filberts, pecans, walnuts, and citrus fruits.

Senator Cooper appeared before the committee in open hearings to submit testimony in opposition to S. 2282, to make Virginia fire-cured tobacco, comprising type 21, a separate kind of tobacco.

INTERIM-AID APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee opened hearings on H. J. Res. 355, interim-aid appropriations and tax refunds, hearing testimony from Willard L. Thorp, Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs, State Department, who appeared with members of his staff. Hearings continue tomorrow.

LABOR-FEDERAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriations, receiving testimony from Senator Robertson of Wyoming in support of funds for vocational rehabilitation; all members of the National Labor Relations Board on funds for NLRB; and Leo George, chairman, and Thomas G. Walters, operations director, Government Employees Council of the AFL, on funds for Bureau of Employees' Compensation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations, and received testimony from the following State Department witnesses in behalf of the estimates for their respective divisions: Carlisle H. Humelsine, Director, Executive Secretariat; John E. Peurifoy, Assistant Secretary for Administration; William O. Hall,

budget officer; Michael J. McDermott, special assistant to the Secretary for press relations; Ernest A. Gross, legal adviser; Norman Armour, Assistant Secretary for Political Affairs; Dean Rusk, Director, Office of UN Affairs; Charles E. Saltzman, Assistant Secretary for Occupied Areas; Willard L. Thorp, Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs; W. Park Armstrong, Jr., special assistant to the Secretary for research and intelligence; George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs; and Howland H. Sargeant, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UMT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued hearings on universal military training with the following witnesses testifying in support of the legislation: Rev. A. Powell Davies, All Souls Unitarian Church, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Isaiah Bowman, president, Johns Hopkins University; and Dr. Arthur Compton, president, Washington University of St. Louis.

Don S. Willner, national chairman of Students for Democratic Action; Seymour Linfield, Progressive Citizens of America; Gerhart H. Seger, a newspaper editor; Dr. Henry H. Crane, Michigan Council Against Conscription; Rev. John W. Darr, chairman, National Youth Assembly Against UMT; and Rev. Rodney Shaw, Chicago Committee to Oppose Peacetime Conscription, testified in opposition. Hearings continue tomorrow.

VETERANS' HOUSING—FEDERAL RESERVE NOMINATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: In executive session, committee approved for reporting S. 2361, to extend for 60 days the so-called title VI of the mortgage insurance law to help veterans to buy homes; it would authorize \$600 million for this purpose for the 2-month period.

The committee received further testimony from Thomas B. McCabe on his own nomination, to be a member of the Federal Reserve Board.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in executive session with Secretary of State Marshall, but made no announcement. Committee meets again tomorrow on China-aid report.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 1812, to establish a Department of Transportation, with the following witnesses testifying in opposition to the bill: John V. Lawrence, managing director, American Trucking Associations, Inc.; Alfred U. Krebs, counsel, National Federation of American Shipping; Chester Thompson, president, American Waterways Operators, Inc.; and Col. Alvin B. Barber, U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

MOTOR CARRIERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee received testimony from Donald B. MacGuineas, Department of Justice, in opposition to S. 1260, to provide for settlement of claims for damages resulting from Federal operation of 103 motor carriers, and to provide just compensation for the use of such carriers during Federal control. W. Y. Blanning, ICC, told the subcommittee it was impracticable for his agency to administer such a law. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ANTIPOLL TAX

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee received testimony from the following proponents of H. R. 29, anti-poll-tax bill: Representative Bender; Irving Brant; Leslie S. Perry, National Association for Advancement of Colored People; and Miss Joy Elmer Morgan, Women's Society of Christian Services of the Methodist Church. Committee concludes hearings tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Sixteen public bills, H. R. 5982–5997; six private bills, H. R. 5998–6003; and three resolutions, H. Res. 511 and 512, and H. J. Res. 361, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Conference report on H. R. 2298, modification of

railroad financial structures (H. Rept. 1603);

H. J. Res. 341, authorizing issuance of a special series of stamps commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Fort Kearney, Nebr. (H. Rept. 1604);

H. R. 4490, authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to

provide salvage facilities (H. Rept. 1605);

Disposal of certain executive papers (H. Rept. 1606); S. 1581, providing additional time to the city of Newark, N. J., for paying certain installments on the purchase price of the Port Newark Army base (H. Rept.

S. 1799, relating to illegal wearing of U. S. service uniforms in all places within U. S. jurisdiction (H. Rept.

1608);

S. 1794, authorizing construction of a reflecting pool at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Houston, Tex. (H. Rept. 1609);

H. J. Res. 339, providing for the issuance of a special postage stamp series in honor of volunteer firemen

(H. Rept. 1610); and

Conference report on S. 2182, extending certain provisions of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947 (H. Rept. 1611).

Pages 3415, 3455

Bill Referred: S. 2358, Greek-Turkish aid bill, passed by the Senate on March 23, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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Income Tax Reduction: Adopted, by a vote of 289 yeas to 67 nays, H. Res. 510, providing House concurrence with Senate amendments to H. R. 4790, to reduce individual income-tax payments, thus clearing the bill

for Presidential action. The measure now provides for a cut of 12.6 percent in income taxes of \$400 and under; 7.4 percent on that part of income taxes between \$400 and \$100,000; and 5 percent over \$100,000. It extends to married couples of all States the privilege of splitting their income for tax purposes. The bill also increases personal exemptions from \$500 to \$600, and gives an additional \$600 exemption to persons over 65 and to the blind.

Pages 3399-3414

Army Transports: Voted to table H. Res. 498, inquiring into the sinking and damage done to United States Army transports.

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Rubber: Disagreed to Senate amendments on H. R. 5314, providing for maintenance of an adequate domestic rubber-producing industry, requested a conference and appointed Representatives Shafer, Short, Cole of New York, Vinson, and Johnson of Texas, as conferees on the part of the House.

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Foreign Assistance: Continued debate on S. 2202, containing the foreign-aid program as approved by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Postponed further consideration until tomorrow. Pages 3415-3454

Committee Meetings

DISABLED VETERANS

Committee on Armed Services: Policy Subcommittee, in executive session, agreed to report favorably to the full committee H. R. 1562, as amended, a bill increasing from \$300 to \$500 the annual amount of Federal aid to State or Territorial homes for disabled soldiers and sailors.

Legal Subcommittee met in executive session to further consider disability retirement investigation.

DAY-CARE NURSERIES

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Health, Education, and Recreation heard testimony of witnessees relative to H. R. 5808, to continue on a permanent basis a system of nurseries and nursery schools

for the day care of D. C. children of school age and under school age. D. C. Commissioner Guy Mason, while he approved the principle of the measure, opposed it on financial grounds. Raymond Clapp, acting director, Public Welfare Department; Mrs. Lucille Lewis, Director, Day Care Centers; and A. J. Driscoll, member, Board of Public Welfare, all testified in support of the bill.

SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSAL

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Surplus Property in hearings on exportation of war surplus materials to Russia and her satellites, heard three representatives of the aircraft business, Leroy H. Lucky, Dallas, Tex.; Tom R. Burns, Washington, D. C.; and Clarence Carruthers, New York City; and the following representatives of Government agencies; Jess Larson, Administrator, WAA; Robert Minnich, Deputy Administrator, Aircraft and Electronics Disposal, WAA; Carl Anderson, Division of International Resources; and E. K. Peterson, Munitions Division, both of the Department of State; and W. S. Thomas, Office of International Trade, Department of Commerce. Hearings continue tomorrow.

JUDGES-TIDELANDS-CLAIMS-COPYRIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 1 heard the following witnesses in support of H. R. 5611, to provide for the appointment of one additional district judge for the eastern district of Pennsylvania: Henry P. Chandler, Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts; John Biggs, senior circuit judge, Third Judicial Circuit; William H. Kirkpatrick, senior district judge, eastern district of Pennsylvania; R. Sturgess Ingersoll, representing the Philadelphia Bar Association. The bill was ordered favorably reported to the full committee.

The subcommittee also agreed to recommend favorably to the full committee, with amendments, H. R. 5860, to confirm and establish the titles of the States to lands beneath navigable waters within State boundaries and natural resources within such lands and waters and to provide for the use and control of said lands and resources. This new tidelands bill was reintroduced today by Representative Chadwick as H. R. 5992.

Subcommittee on Claims agreed to recommend to the full committee 13 private bills favorably and 1 adversely. Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights agreed to recommend adversely to the full com-

mittee H. R. 5014, to amend the copyright laws.

AMERICAN RIVER

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation continued hearing on H. R. 4152 and 4157, authorizing development of the American River Basin in California for irrigation and reclamation. Speaking in favor of the authorization were Representatives Allen and Johnson, both of California;

Royal Miller, chairman, and Northcutt Ely, attorney, both of the State Resources Board of California; Edward Hyatt, State engineer, California; Herbert C. Jones, San Jose, Calif.; State Senator H. E. Dillinger, El Dorado County Water Council; O. M. Davis, secretary, Central Valley Project Conference, Kern County, Calif.; Robert D. Lee, Richmond, Calif.; George Miller, Jr., assemblyman from Contra Costa County, Calif., representing the Richmond, Calif., Chamber of Commerce; James A. Irving, president, California Fruit Exchange, and member of El Dorado irrigation district; and Walter E. Jenkinson, manager, El Dorado irrigation district. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SEAWALL-RIVERS AND HARBORS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors heard the following witnesses in support of H. R. 2865, a bill to provide a sea wall or other form of shore protection at the town of Nome, Alaska: Col. Wayne S. Moore, Army engineers; General Gaffney, AAF; Lt. Col. W. G. Belser, Army liaison officer, representing Army Ground Forces; Marshall Hoppin, former Regional Administrator, CAA, now president, Alaska Air Transport Association; G. R. Jackson, banker, and Frank H. Whaley, pilot, both of Nome, Alaska; Carl J. Lomen, president, Lomen Commercial Co., Nome, Alaska, who spoke for himself and Joseph T. Flakne, chief of the Alaska Branch, Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Interior Department; and Representatives Crawford, Harless, Jenison, and Hugh D. Scott, Jr.; and the Delegate from Alaska, E. L. Bartlett. Later in executive session, this measure was ordered to be favorably reported to the full committee.

Robert W. Abbett, American Merchant Marine Institute, spoke before the group in favor of other projects

which are presently being considered.

Three projects, which were approved by the subcommittee, to be included in the Rivers and Harbors omnibus bill, were the Westcott Cove and Greenwich Harbor projects in Connecticut, and the Neches and Angelina Rivers project in Texas.

Joint Committee Meetings

ECONOMIC REPORT

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: Subcommittee on Recommendations, in executive session, reviewed recommendations to be reported to the full committee for its approval. These, if approved by the full committee, will become the committee's economic report to Congress. Full committee meets Tuesday, March 30.

RENT CONTROL

Conferees reached final agreement to file conference report on differences between the House- and Senatepassed versons of the rent-control-extension bill (S. 2182).

As agreed upon by the conferees, the bill would extend rent control until March 31, 1949. The two main controversial issues, that of local boards and hardship cases, were compromised: (1) when recommendations of the local boards for decontrol are not adopted by the Expediter, the case goes to the Court of Emergency Appeals, as created by act of 1942, for final determination; (2) in hardship cases, it was agreed that due consideration should be given in each instance to property owners suffering financial loss as a result of rent control.

It is expected that the report will be brought up in both Houses tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D195)

H. R. 4838, extending until December 31, 1948, the validity period of the act to facilitate admission into the U. S. of alien fiancés or fiancées of members of the U. S. armed forces. Signed March 24, 1948 (P. L. 450);

S. 1733, to authorize payment to members of Seminole Indian Tribe. Signed March 24, 1948 (P. L. 451);

S. 1782, to select superintendents of national cemeteries from meritorious servicemen disabled in line of duty. Signed March 24, 1948 (P. L. 452);

S. J. Res. 172, to authorize vessels of Canadian registry to transport iron ore between U. S. ports on the Great Lakes during 1948. Signed March 24, 1948 (P. L. 453).

Thursday, March 25, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses adopted conference report on rent control.

Senate passed Housing Act amendment.

House concluded general debate on foreign-assistance bill and adopted conference report on railroad-bankruptcy bill.

China aid bill approved by Senate committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 3457-3462

Bills Introduced: Fifteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2382 to S. 2396; S. J. Res. 200; and S. Res. 215 and 216.

Pages 3460-3461

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. J. Res. 355, interim-aid appropriations and tax refunds, providing \$55 million for interim-aid (S. Rept. 1025).

S. 2393, authorizing \$463 million for aid to China (S. Rept. 1026).

H. R. 4478, providing basic authority for VA administrative expenses (S. Rept. 1027).

H. R. 4943, continuing VA authority to operate Philippine office until June 30, 1950 (S. Rept. 1028).

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Bill Re-Referred: Committee on Banking and Currency was discharged from further consideration of S. 2109, to relieve the critical shortage of iron and steel scrap, and the bill re-referred to Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments.

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Rent Control: Adopted conference report on S. 2182, to extend rent control until March 31, 1949, thus clearing the bill for the President's signature. Pages 3464-3470

Conferees: Senators Brooks and McKellar were appointed as additional conferees on H. R. 5214, independent offices appropriation.

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Housing: S. 2361, amending the National Housing Act, was passed by voice vote after an amendment by Senator Tobey was agreed to, providing for an extension until April 30, 1948, instead of May 31, 1948, as first proposed, and increasing the mortgage-insurance authority by \$400 million instead of the \$600 million as originally proposed.

Pages 3464–3471

Federal Aid to Education: Senate continued debate on S. 472, Federal aid to education bill.

Pages 3463-3464, 3471-3475, 3479-3480

National Defense: Special Committee To Investigate the National Defense Program was granted an extension to April 30, 1948, to file its report.

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Nominations: Received seven appointments to be brigadier generals, and one to be major general, Honorary Reserve.

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Confirmations: Two postmaster nominations were confirmed.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee opened hearings on S. 2376, to provide a revolving fund to purchase agricultural commodities and received supporting testimony from W. P. Jacobs, president, American Cotton Manufacturing Association. Hearings continue March 30.

INTERIM-AID APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Reported H. J. Res. 355, interim-aid appropriations and tax refunds, as passed by the House. The resolution provides \$55 million for interim aid.

LABOR-FEDERAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriations, continued hearings with testimony from Senator Thomas of Utah; Cyrus Ching, Director of Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; Charles E. Foster, Disabled American Veterans; Mrs. G. F. Zimand, Child Life Conference of New York; Forest H. Shuford, North Carolina Commissioner of Labor; and James B. Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer. Hearings continue tomorrow.

STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations, continued hearings and received further testimony from the following officials of the State Department: John E. Peurifoy, Assistant Secretary for Administration, and George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Representatives of the Foreign Service also testified. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UMT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued hearings on universal military training, with the following witnesses testifying in support of the legislation: Secretary of Defense Forrestal; Secretary of Navy Sullivan; Secretary of Army Royall; Secretary of Air Force Symington; Admiral L. E. Denfeld, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Omar Bradley, Army Chief of Staff; Gen. Carl Spaatz, Air Force Chief of Staff; and Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army Deputy Chief of Staff. Hearings continue Monday.

WAA TRANSFER

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: In executive session committee decided to hold hearings on March 31 and April 1 on transfer of WAA and Bureau of Federal Supply to the FWA. Also considered functioning of the Legislative Reorganization Act.

NOMINATIONS—VA BILLS

Committee on Finance: In executive session committee ordered favorably reported nominations of Charles Oli-

phant, to be assistant general counsel for Bureau of Internal Revenue; and Michael J. Bradley, to be collector of customs in Philadelphia.

Committee also approved for reporting the following bills: Without amendment, H. R. 4478, providing basic authority for VA administrative expenses; H. R. 4943, continuing VA authority to operate Philippine office until June 30, 1950; H. R. 4938, to provide dutiable status for platinum fox furs; and H. R. 3229, exempting Hawaii and Alaska from cargo-manifest laws; and with amendment, H. R. 4739, permit free entry of exposed X-ray film; and H. R. 5328, permit free entry of wood waste for use as firewood.

Decided to hold hearings on H. J. Res. 296, maintaining status quo on certain employment taxes and social-security benefits. Named subcommittee (Senators Martin, Taft, and Johnson) to consider H. R. 3810, relative to value of foreign currency for customs purposes.

CHINA AID-PAN AMERICAN RAILWAY

Committee on Foreign Relations: In executive session committee reported S. 2393, authorizing \$363 million for aid to China and an additional \$100 million for grants to that country. This is for a 12-month period to begin on the date of enactment.

Committee ordered favorably reported S. J. Res. 177, providing for U. S. participation in Pan American Railway Congress.

MOTOR CARRIERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 1260, to provide for settlement of claims for damages resulting from Federal operation of 103 motor carriers. Opposition testimony was heard from Donald B. MacGuineas, Department of Justice. R. G. May, general counsel, Mid-West Operators Association, testified in support. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee held hearings on S. J. Res. 91, to amend the Constitution relating to election of President and Vice President, receiving supporting testimony from Senator Lodge and Representatives Lea and Gossett.

ANTIPOLL TAX

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded hearings on H. R. 29, anti-poll-tax bill, after receiving testimony in support of the bill from the following witnesses: Senator Pepper; James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer, CIO; Charles E. Sands, national legislative representative, Hotel and Restaurant Workers, AFL, who also read a letter from William C. Hushing, national legislative representative, AFL, stating the position of the AFL; and Mrs. Dorothy Robinson, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. At the request of various organizations and individuals, written statements therefrom were also made a part of the record.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fifteen public bills, H. R. 6004-6018; seven private bills, H. R. 6019-6025; and one resolution, H. Res. 513, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Report of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce entitled "Public Aid to Air Transportation" (H. Rept. 1612);

H. R. 5623, amending the Interstate Commerce Act,

as amended (H. Rept. 1613);

H. J. Res. 340, authorizing the issuance of a special series of stamps commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the American Turners Society in the United States (H. Rept. 1614).

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Railroad Reorganization: Adopted conference report (H. Rept. 1603) on H. R. 2298. This measure permits railroads to enter into voluntary reorganization plans under ICC supervision instead of filing bankruptcy proceedings, and further provides for rail companies presently in receivership to take advantage of the new procedure.

Pages 3499–3501

Rent Control: Adopted, by a vote of 220 yeas to 95 nays, the conference report on S. 2182, extending certain provisions of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947 (H. Rept. 1611). The bill extends rent control until March 31, 1949, and provides for review by the Court of Emergency Appeals when recommendations of the local boards for decontrol are not adopted by the Expediter.

Pages 3501, 3502-3509

Resignation from Committees: Received notification of resignation of Representative Boggs of Delaware from the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments.

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Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 513, electing Representative Boggs of Delaware to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Foreign Assistance: Concluded all general debate on S. 2202, the foreign-aid program as approved by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and read the first section of the bill.

Pages 3516-3573

Elections: Committee on the Judiciary was granted permission to file, by midnight, Saturday, a report on H. J. Res. 9, a constitutional amendment abolishing the electoral college and providing that the President and Vice President shall be elected at a general election.

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Committee Meetings

EXPORTS—FILTRATION PLANT

Committee on Armed Services: Organization Subcommittee met in executive session and heard Secretary of Commerce, W. Averell Harriman, on the subject of exports.

Subcommittee on Posts and Stations met on the Army and Navy public works bills and H. R. 2359, authorizing \$134,000 for a water-filtration plant on the West Point (N. Y.) Military Reservation and heard the following witnesses from the Department of the Army:

Brig. Gen. Aaron Bradshaw, Chief of Installations, Branch of Logistics; Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Commanding General, Army Field Forces; Maj. Gen. E. M. Powers, Deputy Chief of Matériel, Department of the Air Force; Col. L. J. Erler, Deputy Chief of Air-Installations, Department of the Air Force; Lt. Col. R. Lutes, Jr.; Brig. Gen. R. E. Hardy, Chief of Personnel and Training Office, Ordnance; and Brig. Gen. J. H. Bragdon, Chief of Military Construction, Office, Chief of Engineers.

The following witnesses were heard from the Depart-

ment of the Navy:

Vice Adm. A. W. Radford, Operations; Rear Adm. J. L. Holliway, Superintendent of Naval Academy; and Rear Adm. Joseph F. Jelley, Bureau of Yards and Docks.

SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSAL

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Surplus Property heard further testimony on its study of exportation of war surplus materials to Russia and her satellites when Richard F. Fincke, president, Alpine Corp., Washington, D. C., and Edward Ely, Chief of the Foreign Service Division, Department of the Census, testified today.

Brig. Gen. Alfred A. Kessler, Director of Procurement for Industrial Planning, U. S. Air Force, was also heard in explanation of the present leasing program

of C-46's by the War Department.

PANAMA CANAL—SHELLFISH

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Sub-committee on the Panama Canal met in open hearings to consider further H. R. 5103 and H. R. 2817, amending the Panama Canal Zone Code, and H. R. 5104, incorporating the Panama Railroad Company as an agency and instrumentality of the United States and as an adjunct of the Panama Canal, with an initial capital stock of \$25,000,000. Alfred U. Krebs, counsel, National Federation of American Shipping; B. F. Burdick, Chief of Office, the Panama Canal; and Seth Levine, research consultant, CIO Maritime Committee, all testified. Subcommittee adjourned, subject to call of the chair.

The Subcommittee on Salt-Water Fish and Shellfish Problems heard Representative Hale, sponsor of H. R. 4909; Representative Bates of Massachusetts, sponsor of H. R. 4906; and Representative Merrow, sponsor of H. R. 5376. These three measures would direct the Fish and Wildlife Service to undertake studies of the soft-shell clam industry in Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. Also furnishing testimony were Dr. Lewis Radcliffe, director, The Oyster Institute of North America; M. C. James, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and Thurlow C. Nelson, biologist, division of shell fisheries, New Jersey State Department of Conservation. Adjourned until Tuesday, March 30.

AMERICAN RIVER

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation continued hearing on H. R. 4152 and 4157, authorizing development of the American River Basin in California for irrigation and reclamation,

hearing the following witnesses who spoke in favor of the legislation: Mayor Harold T. Johnson, Roseville, Calif., who also represents the American River Development League; H. F. Harrold, engineer and secretary, Alameda County Water District, Centerville, Calif.; George Sehlmeyer, president, California State Grange; S. A. Kerr, regional planning engineer, Ben W. Creim, regional power manager, and A. N. Murray, engineer, all of the Bureau of Reclamation, Sacramento, Calif. Subcommittee concluded open hearings on this legislation.

Following this hearing, the Subcommittee on Indian Affairs heard a delegation of Sioux Indians from Standing Rock, N. Dak., asking for rehabilitation, relief, and legislation for their self-support. The witnesses included Hiram Clark, agent for the Standing Rock Indian Reservation; Mrs. Josephine Kelly, chairman of the tribal council; and John Gates, Basil Two Bear, James McLean, and Abraham Buckley, delegates from the council. The subcommittee adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses cleared housing bill for President.

On call of calendar Senate passed 36 unobjected-to bills and continued debate on Federal aid to education.

Foreign-assistance bill further considered by the House.

House group opened hearings on Lanham Act on housing disposal.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 3575-3580

Bills Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2397 to S. 2405; and S. J. Res. 201.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Reported March 26: H. R. 3229, exempting Hawaii and Alaska from cargo-manifest laws (S. Rept. 1029); H. R. 4938, to provide dutiable status for platinum fox furs (S. Rept. 1030); H. R. 4739, to permit free entry of exposed X-ray film, with amendment (S. Rept. 1031); H. R. 5328, permit free entry of wood waste for use as firewood, with amendment (S. Rept. 1032);

Reported March 29: S. 2225, to transfer administration of Federal Credit Union Act to FSA (S. Rept. 1033).

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Wisconsin: The Economic Survey of Wisconsin was ordered printed as S. Doc. 130.

Housing: House amendment to S. 2361, amending title VI of the National Housing Act by extending it for 1 month and increasing the mortgage-insurance authority by \$400 million, was concurred in, thus clearing the bill for the President's signature.

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Calendar Bills Passed: On call of the calendar, 36 unobjected-to bills, of which 23 were private, were passed as follows:

Without amendment and cleared for the President:

Mining lands: H. R. 5049, to reopen the revested Oregon & California Railroad and reconvey Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands to exploration, location entry, and disposition under the general mining laws;

Interim aid: H. J. Res. 355, interim-aid appropriations and tax refunds, providing \$55 million for interim aid;

Veterans: H. R. 4478, providing basic authority for VA administrative expenses;

Veterans: H. R. 4943, continuing VA authority to operate Philippine office until June 30, 1950;

Hawaii-Alaska: H. R. 3229, exempting Hawaii and Alaska from cargo-manifest laws;

Tariff: H. R. 4938, to provide dutiable status for platinum fox furs; and

Private bills: Nine private bills: H. R. 2214, 718, 1586, 986, 3118, 1215, 2347, 3061, and 4177.

With amendment, to be sent back to House:

Lease of lands: H. R. 4167, to authorize Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Washington to lease their State lands for production of oil, gas, and other hydrocarbons;

Tariff: H. R. 4739, to permit free entry of exposed X-ray film;

Tariff: H. R. 5328, to permit free entry of wood waste for use as firewood; and

Private bill: One private bill, H. R. 1523.

Without amendment and cleared for House:

Indians: S. 2278, to authorize the sale of certain public lands in San Juan County, Utah, to the Southwest Indian Mission;

Housing census: S. 1950, to provide for a decennial census of housing; and

Private bills: Nine private bills, S. 1055, 692, 329, 419, 642, 755, 940, 1045, and 1451.

With amendment and cleared for House:

Public lands: S. 1771, to convey certain lands in Wyoming to James S. McDonald Post 5054, VFW, Powell, Wyo.;

Boulder school: S. 1985, to amend the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act relative to Boulder City school district; and

Private bills: Four private bills: S. 1806, 661, 1186, and 740.

Federal Aid to Education: Debate was continued on S. 472, Federal aid to education, and several perfecting amendments thereto by Senator Taft were adopted.

Pages 3586-3611

China Aid: Further consideration of S. 472, Federal aid to education, was temporarily put aside at the close of the day, and it was agreed that S. 2393, China aid bill, would be the pending business.

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Nominations: The following nominations were received: Six civilians, 59 appointments in the Navy, and 50 postmasters; 1 postmaster nomination was withdrawn.

Pages 3612-3613

Confirmations: The following nominations were confirmed: Charles Oliphant, Maryland, to be assistant general counsel for Bureau of Internal Revenue, and Michael J. Bradley, to be collector of customs in Philadelphia.

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Committee Meetings

LABOR-FEDERAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee considered estimates for educational purposes in connection with its hearings on H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security

appropriations, receiving testimony from John W. Stude-baker, Commissioner, and Raymond W. Gregory, Assistant Commissioner for Vocational Education, both of the Office of Education, together with the following representatives of the National Educational Association: Willard E. Gibbons, executive secretary, appeared with three officials of his group: Harold Benjamin, who confined his remarks to higher education; David Zimmerman, to elementary education; and Walter E. Hess, to secondary education.

On March 26 the subcommittee received testimony by Thomas C. Boushall, president, Bank of Virginia, Richmond, regarding FSA funds. The following witnesses were also heard in regard to appropriations for the Labor Department: Richard J. Gray, president, building and construction trades department, AFL; Charles J. F. Sattler, commissioner of labor, West Virginia; Hartman Barber, Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks; John Corbett, national legislative representative, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; Elizabeth Christman, secretary-treasurer, National Women's Trade Union League; Milton O. Loysen, director, New York Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance; John M. Dickerman, legal director, National Association of Home Builders; J. T. Sanders, legal counsel, National Grange; and Dr. Max F. Baer, public relations chairman, National Vocational Guidance Association.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Hearings were continued by subcommittee on H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations, with testimony on State Department operations from Senator Barkley; William E. Robinson, New York Herald Tribune; and the following American staff representatives on UNESCO: Fred Bailey, National Grange; Nelson Cruikshank, AFL; and James Marshall, chairman, New York City Board of Education. Watson B. Miller, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and S. A. Andretta, administrative assistant to the Attorney General, testified concerning fiscal needs of the Justice Department.

On March 26, the subcommittee heard testimony concerning Office of International Information and Educational Activities of the State Department, from the following representatives of that office: Leland Barrows, Deputy Director; William Stone, Director; Charles Thayer, Chief, International Broadcasting Division; Hanland Sargeant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs; George Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs; and Jesse MacKnight, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary. William Hall, budget officer of the State Department, also testified.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

UMT

Committee on Armed Services: Hearings were continued on universal military training with the following witnesses testifying in support of the legislation: Ber-

nard M. Baruch; Charles E. Wilson, president, General Electric Corp.; Mrs. Leslie B. Wright, General Federation of Women's Clubs; Miss Edesse Dahlgren, American Woman's Association; and Archibald Thatcher, Citizens Committee for UMT of Young Men.

Opposition testimony was received from: Mrs. Alexander Stewart, national co-chairman, Women's Committee to Oppose Conscription; Miss Elizabeth A. Smart, WCTU; Mrs. Pearl S. Buck, writer; Howard Penley, Socialist Party; and Charles W. Iglehart, chairman, National Council of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

D. C. LEGISLATION

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee

held hearings on four bills:

On H. R. 4636, to regulate the practice of the healing art to protect the public health in D. C., the following three witnesses testified in support of the bill: Corporation Counsel Vernon West; Dr. George C. Ruhland, D. C. Health Department; and Dr. Frederick Fishback, D. C. Medical Society;

On H. R. 4572, to amend the D. C. Traffic Act to provide for learners' permits, the following three witnesses testified in favor of the bill: Corporation Counsel Vernon West; George Keneipp, Vehicles and Traffic;

and Washington I. Cleveland, AAA;

On H. R. 4649, to provide that compensation of members of Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of D. C. be fixed in accordance with Classification Act of 1923, supporting testimony was received from: Commissioner Guy Mason; Alan Payne, ABC Board; Corporation Counsel Vernon West; and Victor Howard, D. C. Government;

On H. R. 5874, to establish a D. C. Armory Board, Chester A. Gray, Assistant Corporation Counsel, and William H. Press, Washington Board of Trade, appeared in support of the bill. Col. Peyton G. Nevitt, D. C. National Guard, favored the bill but suggested amendments. A statement was read for David Lynn, Architect of the Capitol.

INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee heard C. G. Salsbury, superintendent of the mission at Ganado on the Navajo Reservation, discuss the Navajo Indian situation; his testimony was not directed

to any particular bill.

The following witnesses testified against H. R. 4725, H. R. 1113, S. 787, S. 788, and S. 1598, Indian bills: Paul M. Niebell, special attorney for Yakima Indians, members of the Yakima delegation (Philip Olney, chairman; Alex Saluskin; and Eagle Sutatsee), and Paschal Sherman, Coleville agency, Washington.

NAVIGATION, RADIOTELEGRAPH, AND OCEAN STATIONS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee met on H. R. 1036 (S. 1389, a similar bill), to license radiotelegraph operators, and received testimony in support of the bill from: Hoyt S. Haddock, CIO maritime committee; Capt. Henry T. Jewell, Coast Guard, and Andrew MacDonald, AFL. Alfred U. Krebs, National Federation of American Shipping, opposed the measure.

The following witnesses testified on S. 2122, authorization of ocean stations by Coast Guard: Captain Richmond, Coast Guard; D. M. Little, Weather Bureau; Fred Lee, Acting Administrator of CAA; Paul Barringer, State Department; Capt. C. A. Bond, Navy Department; Admiral E. S. Land, and Robert Ramspeck, Air Transport Association; and Capt. William Duggan, Capt. William Masland, and Captain Hawkins, all of Air Lines Pilots Association.

Testimony in support of S. 1853, to authorize the Coast Guard to establish, maintain, and operate aids to navigation, was received from Captain Richmond, Coast Guard, Robert P. Boyle, CAA, and Captain Virden, Navy Department.

MOTOR CARRIERS

Committee on the Judiciary: On Friday, March 26, sub-committee continued hearings on S. 1260, to provide for settlement of claims for damages resulting from Federal operation of 103 motor carriers. Further testimony in support of bill was given by W. Y. Blanning, ICC; R. G. May, general counsel, Mid-West Operators Association; and Harrison Spangler, attorney from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

TVA

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control continued work on S. 1277, amending comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and organization of the Authority, and placing it on an equal basis with other Government agencies. Charles W. Smith, Chief, Bureau of Accounts, FPC, explained the functions of the FPC as relating to the TVA; and S. R. Finley, general superintendent, Electric Power Board, Chattanooga, testified in opposition to the bill. Hearings continue tomorrow.

EXPORT LICENSES

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Export Subcommittee received testimony from the following witnesses in connection with forged export licenses: Harry Levey, Haro Products, Inc., N. Y.; John A. Quinn, Jersey City; and various independent exporters.

ARABIAN OIL—REPORTS

Special Committee To Investigate the National Defense Program: Committee in executive session on March 26 discussed Arabian oil and proposed reports to be filed; no date for filing reports was set. Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eleven public bills, H. R. 6026-6036; two private bills, H. R. 6037 and 6038; and three resolutions, H. Res. 514-516, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. J. Res. 9, providing for a constitutional amendment to abolish the electoral college, and determine the election of President and Vice President by popular vote (H. Rept. 1615);

S. 1641, to authorize enlistment and appointment of women in the U. S. armed forces (H. Rept. 1616); and

H. R. 5963, to authorize construction of a courthouse in the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia for the U. S. Court of Appeals and the U. S. District Court (H. Rept. 1617).

Resignation of Member: Received the notice of resignation of J. Lindsay Almond, Jr., Representative from the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia, to become effective as of April 17.

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Housing: Passed, by voice vote, S. 2361, providing for a 30-day extension of title VI of the National Housing Act. This title would have expired March 31, 1948, and increases the mortgage-insurance authority by \$400,000,000. The measure was returned to the Senate requesting concurrence in a committee-approved amendment which would provide that applications received by the Housing Administration, prior to March 31, may be considered on "necessary current cost" basis, and applications received subsequent to that date shall be considered on "value" basis.

Pages 3617-3618

Foreign Assistance: Continued consideration of the \$6,205,000,000 omnibus foreign-assistance bill and read the measure for the purpose of amendments. All attempts to change the aid bill, as sent to the floor by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, were rejected.

Before postponing further action on amendments until tomorrow, an amendment, offered by Mr. O'Konski, to include Spain in the list of participating countries under the aid plan, was pending before the membership. Disposition of this amendment will be the first order of business when the House resumes its consideration of the foreign-aid program.

Pages 3618-3659

Committee Elections: Adopted H. Res. 516, electing Representative Isacson to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, and Representative Marcantonio to the Committee on House Administration.

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Special Orders: Under special orders, Representative Ellis addressed the House on the subject of the Marshall plan.

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Committee Meetings

MORTGAGE INSURANCE

Committee on Banking and Currency: Franklin D. Richards, Commissioner, Federal Housing Administration, testified in favor of S. 2361, a bill providing for 30-day extension of title VI of the National Housing Act, and urged that "value" be accepted as the basis for mortgage insurance, rather than "necessary current cost." This measure was ordered to be favorably reported to the House with an amendment providing that applications received by the Housing Administration prior to March 31, 1948, may be considered on "necessary current cost" basis, and applications received subsequent to that date shall be considered on "value" basis.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BILL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in executive session to consider amendments proposed to be offered to the foreign-assistance bill.

ALASKA TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: The Subcommittee on Alaska Problems held hearings to consider various bills pending before this group on problems relating to Alaska, particularly transportation. Commissioner Grenville Mellen, U. S. Maritime Commission, who was accompanied by Guy M. Carlon, head rate accountant, Maritime Commission, offered testimony relative to transportation difficulties which necessitate excessive shipping and sales costs due to seasonal hardships and recommended remedial legislation.

COAL-CHROMITE

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining voted to table H. R. 2186, which would increase from 2,560 to 10,240 acres the amount of coal lands leasable in one tract, or in one State, to one lessee.

Continued the hearings on strategic and critical minerals and metals and discussed the subject of chromite. Charles White Merrill, Joseph S. McGrath, and Oliver C. Ralston, all of the Bureau of Mines, testified. Hearings on this subject continue tomorrow.

SURPLUS HOUSING

Committee on Public Works: Appearing before this group at its hearings on H. R. 5710, providing for disposal of temporary housing constructed under the Lanham Act of 1940, were the following witnesses, all of whom testified in support of the legislation: Raymond

Foley, Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency, who further stated that a complete study of this bill would be finished in about 3 weeks' time by the Agency. Berchmans T. Fitzpatrick, general counsel for the Housing and Home Finance Agency, and John T. Eagan, Assistant Commissioner of the Public Housing Administration, answered specific questions propounded by members of the committee. Representatives of educational and municipal institutions, who also favored the objective of this measure, were: Dr. Arthur E. Adams, provost, Cornell University, and president-elect of the University of New Hampshire; Dr. Blake R. Van Leer, president of the Georgia School of Technology, and member of the housing committee, Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities; Robert D. Lee, member of the City Council, Richmond, Calif., and former mayor, representing the American Municipal Association; and Dean H. McCoy, coordinator of public affairs, University of Denver, Colo.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D203)

H. R. 2453, to provide for mining research laboratory in North Dakota lignite-consuming region. Signed March 25, 1948 (P. L. 454);

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- H. R. 3506, to acquire a site for Federal building in Huntington, W. Va. Signed March 25, 1948 (P. L. 455):
- H. R. 4836, to acquire site for post office in Omaha. Signed March 25, 1948 (P. L. 456);
- H. R. 4967, to acquire site for post office in Portland, Oreg. Signed March 25, 1948 (P. L. 457);
- H. R. 5315, to ratify administrative promotions of employees on military furlough from the field postal service, in certain cases. Signed March 25, 1948 (P. L. 458);
- H. J. Res. 320, authorizing stamps commemorative of one hundredth anniversary of Territory of Minnesota. Signed March 25, 1948 (P. L. 459);
- S. 1174, to provide inactive-duty-training pay for Organized Reserve Corps. Signed March 25, 1948 (P. L. 460);
- S. 468, to increase the amount of property which the Imperial Palace, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, may hold, from \$100,000 to \$5,000,000. Signed March 27, 1948 (P. L. 461);
- S. 1990, to continue construction of the Deer Creek and Aqueduct divisions of the Provo River Project, Utah. Signed March 29, 1948 (P. L. 462);
- H. R. 2502, to provide for the general welfare and advancement of the Klamath Indians in Oregon. Signed March 29, 1948 (P. L. 463).

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed China aid bill.

House continued consideration of amendments to the foreign-assistance bill.

Federal pay-increase bill approved by House subcommittee.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 3663-3667

Bills Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2406 to S. 2412.

Bills Reported: Reports were made, as follows:

S. 2325, relative to officers or employees of Government recovering contributions to civil-service retirement annuities (S. Rept. 1034);

S. 2326, to repeal Alaska Railroad Retirement Act of 1936 and extend in lieu thereof benefits of Civil Service Retirement Act to persons affected (S. Rept. 1035);

S. J. Res. 177, providing for U. S. participation in Pan American Railway Congress, with amendment (S. Rept. 1036). Page 3666

Presidential Message: Senate received message concerning foreign decorations, etc., tendered retired officers or employees of the U. S.

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China Aid: Debated and passed by voice vote S. 2393, authorizing \$463 million for aid to China.

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Nominations: Received two naval nominations.

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Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee agreed to appoint a subcommittee to recommend language changes to S. 2376, to provide a revolving fund for the purchase of agricultural commodities to be processed in occupied areas and sold, after receiving testimony in support of the bill from Lt. Col. O. J. Baldwin, Department of the Army, and N. E. Dodd, Under Secretary of Agriculture. The following witnesses appeared in opposition to inclusion of hides in any such export program: Irving Glass, Tanners Council of America, New York; W. W. Stephenson, National Shoe Manufacturers Association, New York; Ed Atkins, National Association of Shoe Chain Stores, New York; and Gilbert A. Hahn, National Shoe Retailers Association, New York.

LABOR-FEDERAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee concluded hearings on H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriations, after questioning various members of the Public Health Service on hospital and reconstruction program. The witnesses questioned included Dr. James A. Crabtree, Deputy Surgeon General; Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, nominee to be Surgeon General; Dr. V. M. Hoge, Chief, Division of Hospital Facilities; and Dr. R. E. Dyer, National Institute of Health.

STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations, receiving testimony from Federal Judges John Biggs, Jr., and Branson Maris, Third Judicial Circuit of U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals; Judge Kirkpatrick, Eastern District of Pennsylvania; Representative Hobbs; and Henry P. Chandler, Director of the Administrative Office of U. S. Courts, in support of funds for court criers. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UMT

Committee on Armed Services: Hearings were continued on universal military training with the following witnesses testifying in opposition to the legislation: Dr. Alonzo F. Myers, National Council Against Conscription; Rev. Huber F. Klemme, Commission on Christian Social Action of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; Lawrence R. Mallery, Jr., Greater Philadelphia Committee Against Peacetime Conscription; Miss Olive H. Huston, the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.; Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, Department of International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America; Charles F. Boss, Jr., the Commission on World Peace of the Methodist Church; Rev. Donald B. Clo-

ward, Council on Christian Social Progress of the Northern Baptist Convention, who read a statement in behalf of Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the Northern Baptist Convention; Dr. A. Allan Bates, scientific expert; Henry A. Wallace; Dr. Henry J. Cadbury, Harvard University, representing Church of Friends; Rev. Dutton Peterson, representing New York Society of Churches; and Dr. Paul Poling, representing Northern Presbyterian Church. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL RESERVE NOMINATION—BANK HOLDING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Secretary of Treasury Snyder was questioned by the committee on the nomination of Thomas B. McCabe to be a member of the Federal Reserve Board.

In open hearings before the committee Mr. McCabe himself testified in support of S. 829, to provide for control and regulation of bank holding companies. Committee meets tomorrow on housing bill.

CARRIER CLAIMS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee heard Walter M. W. Splawn, Chairman, ICC; W. L. Ellis, Assistant Comptroller General; W. J. Massey and H. K. Wilson, both of GAO; Francis X. La-France, attorney at law, Providence, R. I.; and Harry Teichener, Merca Traffic Service Bureau, Brooklyn, testify generally in support of S. 571, S. 935, S. 1194, and H. R. 2759, claims by or against common carriers for overcharges and undercharges. Some amendments to the bills were proposed. Hearings continue tomorrow.

BANKRUPTCY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee received testimony from the following witnesses on S. 826, to change the definition of transfer which shall be deemed a preference to creditors under the Bankruptcy Act, and affects time of such transfer: Milton T. Kupfer, American Bar Association of New York; J. Francis Ireton, Commercial Credit Co.; Benjamin Wham, American Bar Association; Prof. John Hanna, Columbia University Law School; John W. Kearns, Chicago Bar Association; Walter D. Malcolm, lawyer, of Boston; Thomas W. Rogers, American Finance Conference; Walter D. Yankauer, Factors Legislative Committee; Clarence O. Holten, Minnesota Association of Sales Finance Companies; Alfred Heuston, Bankruptcy Committee Association of the Bar of New York City; Thomas E. Sime, Bankers Trust Co. of New York; and Homer Kripke, Commercial Investment Trust. This concludes the hearings.

JUSTICE FOR HAWAII

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee met to consider the nomination of Albert M. Cristy, to be associate

justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii. It was announced that a hearing will be held at a later date.

DISTRICT COURT NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee met in evening session (7 p. m.) to hear witnesses on the nomination of Edward Allen Tamm to be associate justice of Federal District Court for D. C. Details on witnesses will be carried in tomorrow's Digest.

TVA

Committee on Public Works: Frank King, American Public Power Association, Holyoke, Mass., testified before the Subcommittee on Flood Control on S. 1277, amending comprehensively the TVA Act relative to in-

ternal administration and organization of the Authority, and placing it on an equal basis with other Government agencies. He told the subcommittee that "such enterprises as TVA can be most efficiently carried on by the Government only through agencies which possess a degree of autonomy and flexibility typical of successful types of business organizations." Hearings continue tomorrow.

MARYLAND SENATORIAL ELECTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections met in executive session to consider the Maryland senatorial contested-election case.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eighteen public bills, H. R. 6039-6056, and eight private bills, H. R. 6057-6064, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Supplemental report (part II) on H. J. Res. 342, directing departments and agencies of the Government to furnish to all committees of Congress, upon request, information necessary for proper performance of legislative duties (H. Rept. 1595);

H. R. 6055, the first deficiency appropriation bill for

1948 (H. Rept. 1618);

H. R. 1468, providing for review of certain orders of the ICC and the U. S. Maritime Commission and giving the U. S. Court of Appeals jurisdiction on review to enjoin, set aside, or suspend said orders (H. Rept. 1619);

H. R. 1470, to provide for review of orders of the FCC and certain orders of the Secretary of Agriculture made under the Packers and Stockyards Act and the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (H. Rept. 1620); and

H. R. 2271, to incorporate into the Judicial Code the provisions of certain statutes relating to three-judge district courts (H. Rept. 1621).

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Foreign Assistance: Continued reading of the omnibus foreign-aid bill for amendments.

Accepted the O'Konski amendment providing for the inclusion of Spain as one of the countries participating in the Marshall plan, by a vote of 149 yeas to 52 nays.

Accepted an amendment offered by Representative Herter increasing the number of employees to be employed by the Economic Cooperation Administration from 60 to 100 and providing that not more than 25 of whom may receive compensation of \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Accepted an amendment offered by Representative Judd, providing for the Secretary of State or the Administrator to certify in writing that on the basis of the FBI report on employees that he believes such individual is of unquestioned loyalty to the United States; also provides for filing such written statements with the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Accepted amendments of Representatives Herter and Davis of Georgia requiring a loyalty and security check of employees, by the FBI, within 3 months of commencing duties.

By a vote of 165 yeas to 32 nays the House accepted an amendment offered by Representative Colmer removing from the bill the provisions for chartering to participating countries 200 dry-cargo merchant vessels.

Accepted an amendment offered by Representative Bradley of California providing that at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage of commodities procured within the United States will be transported abroad on U. S.-flag ships as are available at market rates.

Accepted an amendment proposed by Representative Hoffman that the expenditures for commodities purchased outside the United States by the Administrator shall be accounted for in regulations promulgated by him with the approval of the Comptroller General.

The term "surplus agricultural commodity" was amended to include canned foods and domestic fishery products under the protection-of-domestic-economy section of the bill.

Mr. Dirksen offered an amerdment providing similar coverage for corn producers as the bill provides for wheat, but with whisky barred and the amount of processed corn raised to 50 percent instead of 25 percent as is provided for processed wheat.

A substitute amendment offered by Representative Mundt was accepted in lieu of an amendment by Representative Colmer. The amendment authorizes the Administrator to refuse to export certain products and commodities to participating countries who in turn process and ship them to nonparticipating countries.

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Rubber: Conferees were granted permission to file by midnight, March 30, a conference report on H. R. 5314, the Rubber Act of 1948.

Presidential Messages: H. J. Res. 251, authorizing special issue of 5-cent postage stamp commemorating one hundredth anniversary of Swedish pioneers coming to the Middle West, was returned without Presidential approval and referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

Also received message relative to foreign decorations and medals tendered to retired officers and employees of the United States, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and printed as House Document 583.

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Committee Meetings

FOREIGN-ASSISTANCE BILL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held executive meeting to consider proposed amendments to the foreign-assistance bill.

ACCOUNTS

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Accounts considered pending bills. Continue hearings tomorrow.

STEEL PIPE

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: In a hearing on steel requirements for oil and gas production, oil pipe lines, and transportation of natural gas, refining and marketing facilities, Russell Brown, chairman, petroleum-industry steel-requirements committee of National Petroleum Council, testified. This hearing was adjourned until Friday, April 2.

SOFT-SHELL CLAMS

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Salt-Water Fish and Shellfish Problems met on H. R. 4909 and other related bills, directing the Fish and Wildlife Service to undertake certain studies of the soft-shell clam industry in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut, and heard Wayne D. Heydecker, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission; Dana Wallace, State of Maine Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries; and John C. Ayres, representing the Oceanographic Institute of Massachusetts. Further consideration of these bills was postponed until Friday, April 2.

FEDERAL PAY RAISE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Rees subcommittee on pay legislation approved a measure providing for a temporary cost-of-living salary increase for employees of the Federal Government, including postal employees. The additional compensation will be \$468 annually, to become effective April 1, 1948, and to terminate July 1, 1949, with no retirement deductions to be made therefrom.

STRATEGIC MINERALS—CHROMITE

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining continued its investigations on critical and strategic minerals and metals and heard detailed account of whereabouts of chromite deposits in the ore-producing districts of United States, Alaska, Canada, Cuba, and South America. Testimony was furnished by Lowell Moon and Oliver C. Ralston, U. S. Bureau of Mines; Thomas P. Thayer and Olaf N. Rove, U. S. Geological Survey; and Milo W. Krejci, senior engineer, Office of Metals Reserve, RFC. Locations of the different grades and types of chromite, points of highest concentration, and areas depleted as a result of intensive prospecting were revealed in the subcommittee's attempt to explore the country's chromite holdings. It was further pointed out that in case of a severe emergency that refractory-grade ore could be used as a substitute for metallurgical grade. Hearings continue tomorrow.

STEEL-GRAY MARKET

Committee on Public Works: The Macy subcommittee investigating questionable trade practices, in its hearings relating to the gray market in steel, was told of instances wherein sheet steel sold for many times its mill value as a result of three or four brokerage handlings before reaching purchaser, as well as "tie-in" features of needless items in order to procure steel. Testifying before this group today were:

Verne E. Norquist, Holland Furnace Co., Holland, Mich.; Louis Golden, Kalden Steel Products Co., Detroit, Mich.; Albert F. Reilly, Detroit, Mich.; Robert A. Baker, Lake Erie Sales Co., Cleveland, Ohio; Charles A. Foster, Ranier, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio; Sam A. Sansone, Sansone Bros. Cartage Co., Detroit, Mich.; Charles A. Koons, New York City; and Clay P. Bedford, Kaiser-Frazer Corp., Willow Run, Mich.

Joint Committee Meetings

CONSUMER PRICES AND ECONOMIC REPORT

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: In executive session the committee worked out a plan for a final report to Congress in pursuance of S. Con. Res. 19, approved on July 26, 1947, to authorize an investigation into prices of consumer goods.

Materials on the President's Economic Report were also reviewed. The committee hopes that it will be able to reach an agreement on this report to Congress at its next meeting.

Wednesday, March 31, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued on Federal aid to education bill, acting on three amendments. Foreign-assistance bill passed by House; 329 yeas to 74 nays. Bills on meat inspection, agricultural exports, District of Columbia, merchant marine, and Coast Guard approved by Senate groups.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 3769-3776

Bills Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2413 to S. 2418.

Bills Reported: Reports were made, as follows:

H. R. 3433, amending D. C. Code, to provide for twoplatoon system in Fire Department, with amendment (S. Rept. 1037);

H. R. 3998, regulating casualty insurance rates in the

D. C., with amendments (S. Rept. 1038);

H. R. 4572, to amend the D. C. Traffic Act to provide for learners' permits (S. Rept. 1039);

H. R. 4636, to regulate the practice of the healing art to protect the public health in D. C. (S. Rept. 1040).

H. R. 4649, to provide that compensation of members of Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of D. C. be fixed in accordance with Classification Act of 1923 (S. Rept. 1041);

S. 2409, to amend the D. C. Revenue Act to exempt certain business transactions from franchise tax (S. Rept.

1042);

S. 1853, authorizing the Coast Guard to maintain aids

to navigation (S. Rept. 1043);

S. 2122, authorizing the Coast Guard to operate and maintain ocean weather stations, with amendments (S. Rept. 1044);

H. R. 1036, to license radiotelegraph operators on mer-

chant vessels (S. Rept. 1045);

S. Res. 214, to extend the date of investigating appointments of postmasters from March 31, 1948, to June 30, 1948 (no written report).

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Appropriation Estimates: Six communications were transmitted to the Senate from the President requesting supplemental appropriations for various governmental agencies. These were ordered printed as Senate Documents 131 to 136.

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Report on Mines: Report by Secretary of Interior on conditions in underground bituminous and lignite mines federally inspected between July 1 and December 31, 1947, was ordered printed as Senate Document 137.

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Rubber: Conference report on H. R. 5314, providing for the maintenance of an adequate rubber-producing industry, was adopted.

Pages 3770–3772

Federal Aid to Education: Senate continued consideration of S. 472, Federal aid to education, taking action on the following amendments: Adopted by voice vote Connally amendment to prohibit limitations or conditions in appropriations which would be inconsistent with the act; rejected by 5 yeas to 80 nays Donnell amendment prohibiting use of funds for support of sectarian or private schools; rejected by voice vote Donnell amendment providing that all funds for purpose of act shall be deposited yearly in a specific fund in the Treasury from proceeds from taxes and other Federal income.

Pages 3776-3805

Postmasters: S. Res. 214, to extend the date of investigating appointments of postmasters from March 31, 1948, to June 30, 1948, was adopted.

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Nominations: Received 47 appointments in the Nurse Corps of the Regular Army and in the Women's Medical Specialist Corps; also two postmaster nominations were withdrawn.

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Committee Meetings

MEAT INSPECTION

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee approved favorably for reporting to the Senate S. 2256, relating to the cost of the meat-inspection service of the Department of Agriculture, after receiving supporting testimony from the following witnesses: J. F. Krey, chairman of board of directors, American Meat Institute, and president, Krey Packing Co., St. Louis; David A. Blanton, chairman of board of directors, Blanton Co., St. Louis; E. F. Forbes, president, Western States Meat Packers Association, San Francisco; F. E. Mollin, executive secretary, American National Livestock Association, Denver; J. M. Jones, secretary, National Wool Growers Association, Salt Lake City; David Dolnick, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, AFL, Chicago; and Max J. Osslo, president, Western Federation of Butchers of California,

and vice president, California State Federation of Labor, San Diego.

AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Subcommittee approved for reporting to the full committee S. 2376, to provide a revolving fund for the purchase of agricultural commodities to be processed in occupied areas and sold, after receiving testimony in support of the bill from Harold Tate, of Tokyo, Japan.

STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Continuing hearings on H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations, subcommittee heard the following witnesses testify on estimates for the Bureau of Census: H. Clyde Reeves, Carl H. Chatters, and H. R. Catherwood, all of American Municipal Association; Robert C. Jackson, National Cotton Council; Paul B. Halstead, Cotton Textile Institute; E. J. Carroll, Wroe Alderson, and Gordon Hughes, all of American Marketing Association; Samuel Dunckle, Institute of Heating Appliances Industry; W. B. Henderson, Air Conditioning and Refrigerating Machinery Association; and Raymond L. Collier, Founders Society Inc., Cleveland.

Alvin A. Burger, State Chambers of Commerce, opposed restorations of cuts effected by House in these estimates. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UMT

Committee on Armed Services: Continuing work on universal military training, committee heard testimony in support of the legislation from Senator Lodge; Truman K. Gibson, member of the President's Advisory Commission on UMT; Commissioner Elwood S. Mc-Kenney, Massachusetts FEPC; and Dr. Daniel Poling, Philadelphia.

The following testified in opposition: Albert Black, World War II veteran; A. Philip Randolph and Grant Reynolds, Committee Against Jim Crow in Military Service and Training; Jesse O. Dedmon, Jr., National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Mrs. Robert Rea, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; Guy E. Snaveley, Association of American Colleges; Dr. J. M. Dawson, Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations of Baptists of U. S.; Dr. Calvert N. Ellis, Church of the Brethren; Ora Huston, National Service Board for Religious Objectors; Rev. Don E. Smucker, Mennonite Central Committee; and Walter W. Sikes, Department of Social Welfare, Disciples of Christ. Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee heard Senator Taft testify on the Flanders amendments (in effect the amendments would practically rewrite the bill) to S. 866, to establish and carry out a national housing policy. This bill was reported to the Senate on April 24, 1947, but the committee is holding further hearings on these proposed amendments. Hearings continue tomorrow.

D. C. BILLS, INCLUDING RENT-CONTROL EXTENSION

Committee on the District of Columbia: In executive session, committee approved the following bills: With amendments, S. 2195, to continue rent control until March 31, 1949; with amendment, H. R. 3433, amending D. C. Code, to provide for two-platoon system in Fire Department; with amendment, H. R. 3998, regulating casualty-insurance rates in the D. C.; H. R. 4636, to regulate the practice of the healing art to protect the public health in D. C.; H. R. 4649, to provide that compensation of members of Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of D. C. be fixed in accordance with Classification Act of 1923; H. R. 4572, to amend the D. C. Traffic Act to provide for learners' permits; and S. 2409, to amend the D. C. Revenue Act to exempt certain business transactions from franchise tax.

WAA TRANSFER

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Hearings were opened on committee print of a drafted bill submitted to Congress by the Federal Works Agency to carry out the President's recommendation in his message of March 5 (H. Doc. 558) relative to transferring the WAA and Bureau of Federal Supply of the Treasury Department to the FWA. Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, FWA Administrator; Alan Johnstone, counsel of FWA; and Jess Larson, Administrator of the WAA, testified in support of the proposed legislation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee met in executive session to consider pending bills. Action taken will be reported to the full committee at its next meeting.

MERCHANT MARINE AND COAST GUARD

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: In executive session, committee ordered reported S. Res. 210, to investigate petroleum and fuel-oil situation and establishing policy thereon, with amendment; H. R. 3569, chapel and library for Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N. Y.; H. R. 1036, to license radiotelegraph operators on merchant vessels; S. 1853, authorizing the Coast Guard to maintain aids to navigation; and S. 2122, authorizing the Coast Guard to operate and maintain ocean weather stations, with amendment.

The nomination of Joseph J. O'Connell, Jr., to be a member of the CAB, was reported favorably, together with three routine nominations in the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

CARRIER CLAIMS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Hearings were continued before the subcommittee on S. 571, S. 935, S. 1194, and H. R. 2759, claims by or against common carriers for overcharges and undercharges, with the following witnesses testifying generally in support of the measures, but recommending amendments: John V. Lawrence, American Trucking Associations, Inc., Washington; Edward F. Lacey, National Industrial Traffic League, Washington; Carter Fort, Association of American Railroads, Washington; Giles Morrow, Freight Forwarders Institute, Washington; Walter M. W. Splawn, Chairman, Legislative Committee, ICC; and Roland U. Krebs, National Federation of American Shipping.

DISTRICT COURT NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee in evening session on March 30, continued hearings on the nomination of Edward Allen Tamm, to be associate justice of Federal District Court for D. C., receiving opposition testimony by George E. McNeil, D. C. Bar Association, and Roger Robb, D. C. lawyer. Also testifying were Antonio Berea, Ira C. Koehne, D. C. lawyer, and John M. Holzworth, attorney in Alexandria.

TVA

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control continued hearings on S. 1277, amending comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and organization of the Authority, and placing it on an equal basis with other Government agencies. Mims Rogers, Florence, Ala., opposed any amendments to change present operations of the TVA; Carter Pittman, Dalton, Ga., appeared in opposition to the bill; and Clyde T. Ellis, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, told the committee that "if TVA revolving fund were eliminated and they were forced to depend upon Congress to appropriate for every line and substation necessary for power it would be a very serious blow to the area."

EXPORT LICENSING

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Export Subcommittee met in executive session with the following witnesses: Assistant Secretary of Commerce David K. E. Bruce; Thomas C. Blaisdell, Francis McIntyre, H. W. Parisius, Thomas D. O'Keefe, Derek Brooks, Perry Stevenson, Wilson E. Sweeney, and Frank Shields, all of the various branches of the OIT of the Department of Commerce; and Everett Wilcox.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Sixteen public bills, H. R. 6065–6080; four private bills, H. R. 6081–6084; and four resolutions, H. Res. 517, H. J. Res. 362 and 363, and H. Con. Res. 180, were introduced.

Bills Referred: S. 2393, authorizing \$463 million for aid to China, passed by the Senate on March 30, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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Foreign Assistance: After 8½ hours of further debate and consideration of S. 2202, the omnibus foreign-aid bill, the House passed the bill by a vote of 329 ayes to 74 nays.

During the debate several minor perfecting amendments were accepted as well as one designed to identify and put into active use, in the furtherance of this program, the assets of citizens of participating countries where such assets are situated in the United States.

The bill was also amended to facilitate the interchange of people as well as goods and services by removing certain obstacles in the way of participating countries. A provision for an agreement of participating countries to prohibit stripping of plants in Germany was also included.

An amendment was adopted directing the Administrator to use funds to pay certain freight and handling charges to facilitate voluntary contributions for relief and the sending of private packages.

Before final passage a separate vote was demanded on the amendment offered by Mr. O'Konski to include Spain in the list of participating countries. This was adopted in the House by a vote of 188 ayes to 104 nays.

Concurrence of the Senate in the House amendments was requested, and for the conference between the two branches, Representatives Eaton, Vorys, Mundt, Bloom, and Kee were appointed as House conferees.

Pages 3809-3875

Rubber: Adopted the conference report on H. R. 5314, to provide an adequate domestic rubber producing industry for national defense and security purposes.

Pages 3875-3880

Special Orders: Under special orders, Delegate Bartlett, of Alaska, addressed the House on the subject of the Alaska communication system.

Pages 3882-3884

Committee Meetings

SUGAR

Committee on Banking and Currency: In the hearings on H. R. 5174 and H. R. 5187, identical measures de-

signed to authorize Commodity Credit Corporation to make adjustment payments to certain producers of raw cane sugar in Puerto Rico and Hawaii, testimony favoring the bills was offered by Delegate Farrington, of Hawaii, sponsor of H. R. 5174; Ernest W. Green, Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association; and Starr Bruce, Honolulu Plantation Co. Hearings to be continued Friday.

Resident Commissioner A. Fernós-Isern, of Puerto Rico, is the sponsor of H. R. 5187.

ACCOUNTS

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Accounts considered pending bills in executive session.

FREQUENCY MODULATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Opposition witnesses furnished testimony before this committee in its consideration of H. J. Res. 78, which would permit the FCC to assign to FM radio broadcasting a section of the 50-megacycle band of radio frequencies with power assignments available up to at least the maximum amount of power heretofore assigned to FM at any time. Appearing were George E. Sterling, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; Dr. C. J. Jolliffe, executive vice president, RCA, Washington, D. C.; Jack R. Poppele, president, Television Broadcasters Association, New York City; and F. J. Bingley, member, board of directors, Television Broadcasters Association and Philco Corp., Philadelphia, Pa.

TREASURY PERSONNEL

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: John W. Snyder, Secretary of the Treasury, offered a formal statement for the Treasury Department at the hearing on H. R. 5523 and 5401, which the Hagen subcommittee has under consideration regarding retirement legislation for investigatory personnel of the Treasury Department. He was accompanied by Malachi L. Harney, Acting Chief Coordinator, Treasury Enforcement Agencies, and Stephen J. Spingarn, Assistant General Counsel. Also accompanying the Secretary were representatives of the five Treasury enforcement agencies, as follows: James J. Maloney, Chief, U. S. Secret Service; Harry J. Anslinger, Commissioner, Bureau of Narcotics; W. H. Woolf, Chief, Intelligence Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue; Edson J. Shamhart, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Investigation and Patrol, Bureau of Customs; and Dwight E. Avis, Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Enforcement, Alcohol Tax Unit, Bureau of Internal

Testimony was also received from Warren B. Irons, Chief, Retirement Division, Civil Service Commission, and Luther Steward, president, National Federation of Federal Employees. It was also pointed out in this hearing that the Bureau of the Budget supports the position of the Civil Service Commission.

STRATEGIC MINERALS—CHROMITE

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining in its investigation on critical and strategic minerals and metals received testimony relative to the national stock piles and holdings of chromite. Representatives of the metal industry were heard today.

The following witnesses appeared: Frank Nabers, Pittsburgh Metallurgical Co., Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Enoch Perkins, vice president, Mutual Chemical Co., Baltimore, Md.; Charles Segerstrom, Jr., president, Nevada-Massachusetts Co., Tungsten, Nev.; W. W. Pritz, Ohio Ferro-Alloys Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Clyde D. Marlott, executive vice president, Martin Dennis Co., owner of Diamond Alkali Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Homer Eachus and A. E. Fitzgerald, General Refractories Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; H. P. Robertson, vice president, Harbison-Walker Refractories Co.; D. F. McCarthy and J. J. Grady, Chromium Mining & Smelting Corp., Montreal, Canada.; William F. Marks, rustless steel division, American Rolling Mill Co., Baltimore, Md.; and Alwyn H. Wild, American Chrome Industries, Inc., New York City.

STEEL-GRAY MARKET

Committee on Public Works: The Macy subcommittee investigating questionable trade practices continued its hearings relative to the gray market in steel, and heard testimony of Charles H. Stamm and Herbert W. Boal, both of the Newport Rolling Mill, Newport, Ky.; David J. Joseph, Sr., Deejay Steel Co., Cincinnati, Ohio; Morton C. Chesler and T. G. Bowman, of the Hanna Steel Corp., Chicago, Ill.; Forrester A. Clark, Clark, White & Co., Boston Mass.; Henry I. Harriman, Newton Fiscal Agent, Inc., Boston, Mass.; L. D. Roberts, Houston, Tex.; C. P. Porter, Coast Oil Corp., Houston, Tex.; and C. Russell Feldman, International Detrola Corp., Detroit, Mich.

Joint Committee Meetings

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee met in executive session to consider routine administrative matters of the Atomic Energy Commission. Continue tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D210)

S. 2182, to extend rent control until March 31, 1949. Signed March 30, 1948 (P. L. 464);

H. R. 1809, to facilitate the use and occupancy of national forest lands. Signed March 30, 1948 (P. L. 465);

H. R. 5856, extending present D. C. Rent Control Act to April 30, 1948. Signed March 30, 1948 (P. L. 466).

Thursday, April 1, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Federal aid to education bill.

House passed first deficiency appropriation bill.

Measures on pay increases for Government employees and civil service approved by Senate group.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 3900-3904

Bills Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2419 to S. 2427; S. J. Res. 202; and S. Res. 217.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 210, to investigate petroleum and fuel-oil situation and establishing policy thereon, with amendment (S. Rept. 1048);

H. R. 3569, chapel and library for Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N. Y. (S. Rept. 1047);

Interim report from Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce relating to shortage of railroad cars (S. Rept. 1046);

Minority views of the Joint Committee on Labor-Man-

agement Relations (part II of S. Rept. 986).

S. Res. 212, providing for memorial services for deceased Senators on April 21, 1948 (no written report);

S. Con. Res. 46, providing for printing of additional copies of S. Rept. 986 on labor-management relations (no written report).

Pages 3900, 3940, 3958

Memorial Services: Agreed to S. Res. 212, providing for memorial services for deceased Senators, on April 21, 1948, with amendment.

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Printing: Agreed to S. Con. Res. 46, providing for printing of additional copies of S. Rept. 986, on labor-management relations.

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Foreign Aid: Senate agreed to the amendment of the House to the text of S. 2202, to provide for a European recovery program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; it disagreed to the amendment of the House to the title of the bill. A conference was agreed to; and Senators Vandenberg, Capper, Wiley, Connally, and George were appointed as conferees. This action in effect puts before the conferees all three Senate-passed bills on foreign aid and the House version of S. 2202. The three bills are: S. 2202, S. 2393, and S. 2358. See Foreign Aid under Joint Committee Meetings.

Pages 3886-3900

Federal Aid to Education: By a vote of 58 yeas to 22 navs Senate passed S. 472, Federal aid to education bill,

after rejecting the following amendments: by 14 yeas to 66 nays, McMahon amendment to earmark assistance to private schools for transportation, health examinations, and purchase of books; by 14 yeas to 62 nays, Hawkes amendment requiring teaching of courses on U. S. Constitution in public schools; and by voice vote Green amendment in the nature of a substitute providing yearly subsidy of \$15 per student with all quotas to be used to increase teachers' salaries.

By voice vote the Ives amendment, providing that no State shall receive less than \$5 for each pupil between the ages of 5 and 17, was adopted.

Pages 3904-3958

Nominations: Four civilian nominations and the nomination of Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg to be Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force, were received.

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Confirmations: 916 military appointments in various branches of the armed services, including 10 generals, were confirmed.

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Committee Meetings

ARMY CIVIL-FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee met in executive session to begin marking up H. R. 5524, Army civil functions appropriation bill; will continue Monday, April 5.

STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations, receiving testimony in support of funds for construction of airport between Fort Worth and Dallas from H. A. Hook, CAA; Representative Wilson of Texas, accompanied by various citizens and officials of the city of Dallas; and Representative Lucas, accompanied by citizens and officials of Fort Worth.

Representative Nicholson and F. B. Lee, Acting Administrator of the CAA, discussed funds for air-traffic control tower at New Bedford, Mass.

Lewis Cullman, Cullman Weather Service at Boston, and F. W. Reichelderfer, Chief of Weather Bureau, testified on funds for Weather Bureau. Hearings continue April 5.

UMT

Committee on Armed Services: Continuing work on universal military training, committee heard testimony in support of the legislation from Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, bishop of Southern Ohio Episcopal Church; James F. O'Neil, American Legion; Omar B. Ketchum, VFW; Brig. Gen. E. A. Evans, Reserve Officers Association; John F. Brady, Blinded Veterans Association; and Maj. Gen. E. A. Walsh and Maj. Gen. Milton Reckord, National Guard Association of the U. S.

The following witnesses testified in opposition: Chat Paterson, AVC; Joe R. Nichols, Simpson, Tex.; Nathan Cowan, CIO; William Dameron, International Association of Machinists; Harry See, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; Dr. Ralph Himstead, American Association of University Professors; Paul E. Elicker, National Association of Secondary School Principals; Mrs. Stanley Cook, National Congress of Parents and Teachers; and George F. Zook, American Council on Education.

William Green, AFL, opposed UMT, but favored temporary selective service. Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee heard Raymond M. Foley, Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, testify on the Flanders amendments (these amendments, in effect, propose practically to rewrite the bill) to S. 866, to establish and carry out a national housing policy. This bill was reported to the Senate on April 24, 1947, but the committee is holding further hearings on the amendments.

WAA TRANSFER

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Committee continued hearings on its print of drafted bill relative to transferring the WAA and Bureau of Federal Supply of the Treasury Department to the FWA, receiving testimony in support of the proposal from Harry M. Kurth, Bureau of Federal Supply, and Fred W. Ramsey, Foreign Liquidation Commissioner, State Department. The following witnesses suggested amendments to the proposed legislation: Stephen J. Spingarn, Treasury Department; C. Tyler Wood, deputy to the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs; Harry V. Hayden, American Legion; and C. H. Overman, National Committee for State Educational Agencies for Surplus Properties, Tallahassee, Fla. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SOCIAL-SECURITY BENEFITS—EMPLOYMENT TAXES

Committee on Finance: Committee opened hearings on H. J. Res. 296, to maintain status quo of employment taxes and social-security benefits pending action by Congress to extend social-security coverage, receiving testimony favoring the bill from John F. Neville, Na-

tional Association of Insurance Agents; Carroll Searls, American Mining Congress; George M. Fuller, National Lumber Manufacturers Association; Phillip Adler, American Hosiery Mills; James P. Rogers, Douglas Fir Industry; Marshall A. Wiley, Mason Shoe Manufacturing Co.; and Wallace E. Campbell, Fuller Brush Co.

The resolution was opposed by Adrian W. DeWind, Treasury Department; Nelson H. Cruickshank, AFL; and Frank Donner, CIO.

Also testifying was Mrs. Nola E. Patterson, Atlantia Life Underwriters Association. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Members of the Tama Tribe of Iowa testified before the Subcommittee on Indian Affairs in opposition to H. R. 4725, to confer jurisdiction on the several States over offenses committed by or against Indians on Indian reservations. Subcommittee meets again Saturday.

PUBLIC HEALTH NOMINATIONS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Committee met in executive session to discuss pending bills on calendar, and confirmed various routine nominations in the Public Health Service.

PAY INCREASES FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: In executive session, committee approved five bills involving pay increases for Government employees and the civil service:

With amendment, S. 1537, omnibus pay-increase bill. As approved, this bill would give all classified civil-service workers an average pay increase of approximately \$650, break the \$10,000 ceiling, and give salary increases to top-flight Government officers, including Cabinet officials;

With amendment, S. 1949, to increase compensation for postmasters and postal employees;

S. 2281, to provide for an air parcel-post service;

S. 2325, relative to officers or employees of Government recovering contributions to civil-service retirement annuities; and

S. 2326, to repeal Alaska Railroad Retirement Act of 1936 and extend in lieu thereof benefits of Civil Service Retirement Act to persons affected.

Committee also approved sundry postmaster nominations to post offices in New Mexico, South Carolina, Vermont, North Carolina, and Maryland.

TVA

Committee on Public Works: Representative Kefauver appeared before the Subcommittee on Flood Control to oppose provisions of S. 1277, amending comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and

organization of the Authority, and placing it on an equal basis with other Government agencies; Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan discussed relationship between programs of TVA and Agriculture Department on soil conservation, forestry, fertilizer research, and test demonstrations; J. Edward Williams, Lands Division of the Department of Justice, reviewed condemnation procedure in connection with TVA activity, giving recommendations of the Department of Justice in that regard. Hearings continue April 5.

MEMORIAL SERVICES—PRINTING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee approved S. Res. 212, providing for memorial services for deceased Senators on April 21, 1948, and S. Con. Res.

46, providing for printing of additional copies of S. Rept. 986, labor-management relations.

OIL SHORTAGE

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Oil Subcommittee received testimony, in connection with numerous complaints from independent distributors and dealers in farm areas and from farm consumers indicating shortages of gasoline, kerosene, and distillates for farm machinery, from Col. J. Monroe Johnson, Director, ODT; B. D. Dawson, oil broker, of Minneapolis; L. A. Frahs, Midland Cooperative Oil Co., St. Paul; F. A. Shellhorn, Anchor Refining Co., Tulsa; and Edward C. Scurlock, Scurlock Oil Co., Houston. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Nineteen public bills, H. R. 6085-6103; two private bills, H. R. 6104 and 6105; and one resolution, H. Res. 518, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Thirty private bills, S. 1235, 1307, and 1312; H. R. 371, 564, 636, 838, 1303, 1779, 1801, 2131, 2785, 2918, 3007, 3114, 3189, 3261, 3553, 3644, 3931, 4518, 4602, 4718, 5330, and 5387; S. 1263; and H. R. 3497, 3740, 4199, and 4484 (H. Repts. 1623 to 1652, respectively);

S. 1648, authorizing expenditures of income from Federal Prison Industries, Inc., for training of Federal pris-

oners (H. Rept. 1653); and

H. J. Res. 347, extending time in which the Postmaster General must accept bids on star-route contracts (H. Rept. 1654).

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Deficiency Appropriation: Considered and passed H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriation bill, supplying additional funds for certain governmental agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948. The measure appropriates approximately \$500 million, of which approximately \$154 million is in contract authorizations and \$346 million in cash.

Accepted an amendment offered by Mr. Tollefson increasing the amount for maintenance and operation

of schools by \$700,000.

Accepted an amendment offered by Mr. D'Ewart providing \$1,000,000 for an emergency work program designed to improve the circumstances of the Navajo Indians.

Accepted an amendment offered by Mr. Scrivner striking from the bill the \$10 millions to provide a different uniform for the Air Corps.

On motion of Mr. Cannon to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the bill back forthwith with an amendment to increase to \$400 million the amount for rural electrification loans, the vote was 199 ayes to 154 nays. Following recommital of the bill and adoption of the above-mentioned amendment the measure was passed by a vote of 339 yeas to 3 nays.

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Montana Land Leases: Agreed to Senate amendment to H. R. 4167, authorizing Montana to lease State lands for production of oil, gas, etc., thus completing all legislative action.

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Foreign Assistance: The committee of conference on S. 2202, the foreign assistance bill, received permission to file a conference report by midnight, April 1.

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Special Orders: Under special orders the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Merrow, on international relations, and Messrs. McDowell and Vail, on the case of Dr. Edward U. Condon, Director, National Bureau of Standards.

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Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE—PRICE SUPPORT

Committee on Agriculture: The full committee voted to go forward with its long-range program and press for its adoption at this session of Congress. As its first step in such a program the committee will proceed at once with the consideration of H. R. 6054, providing for a national land- and water-conservation program, and the development of the Nation's agricultural resources. Also, at the same time, it will take action on price-sup-

port legislation so as to give farmers assurance as to continued price support for agricultural commodities.

VETERANS—HOMES

Committee on Armed Services: Full committee held an executive session and agreed to report out, as amended, H. R. 1562, increasing the annual amount of Federal aid to State or Territorial homes for disabled soldiers and sailors.

REPORTS ON COMMUNISM, REPRINT

Committee on House Administration: The Subcommittee on Printing, in an executive session, heard Representative Bolton urge favorable consideration of H. Con. Res. 179, which would authorize reprinting of 2,000,000 copies of the report and supplements of the Subcommittee on National and International Movements, Committee on Foreign Affairs, entitled "The Strategy and Tactics of World Communism." Will continue on the same subject tomorrow.

FREQUENCY MODULATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continued to hear testimony of opposition witnesses appearing against objectives of H. J. Res. 78, radio frequency modulation bill, with statements being received from the following: Representatives Battle, Keating, and Miller of California, followed by Dr. Thomas T. Goldsmith, DuMont Laboratories, Inc., Passaic, N. J.; Daniel E. Noble, vice president, Motorola, Inc., Chicago, Ill.; Donald S. Leonard, commissioner, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Oakland, Calif.; Zellon E. Audritsh, chairman, Public Safety Planning Committee, Associated Police Communications Officers, Indianapolis, Ind., who also represented the Northern California Police Communications Officers Association, Oakland, Calif.; Vincent J. Doyle, Radio Technical Planning Board, Bayonne, N. J., who also represented Chiefs of Police Associations of States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut; Capt. John E. Murnane, communications officer, New Jersey State Police; Rhett McMillian, chief, Communications, Department of Public Safety, State of Florida; R. O. Klemetti, president, Forestry Conservation Communications Association, who also represented the Forestry Conservation Service, Washington, D. C.; Henry Adam Radzikowski, representing American Association of State Highway Officials, highway maintenance engineer, Public Roads Administration; Jeremiah Courtney, general counsel, American Taxicab Association, Inc., AAA, and National Bus Communications, Inc., Washington, D. C.; Horace Gwilyn, executive secretary, National Association of Taxicab Owners, Cleveland, Ohio; Clyde Ellis, executive manager, National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Washington, D. C.; Fred Crowder, chairman, frequency allocations committee, California Police Radio Association, who also represented California section, International Municipal Signal Association; N. Arthur Sowle, president, Associated Police Communication Officers, Reno, Nev.; and Ray J. Myers, electrical engineer, city of Akron, Ohio, and first vice president, International Municipal Signal Association, Inc., New York City.

TORTS-MEDALS-PRISONS

Committee on the Judiciary: In an executive session, after receiving subcommittee reports, the following bills were ordered favorably reported to the House: H. R. 4682, increasing to 2 years the statute of limitations in Federal Tort Claims Act; H. R. 5434, authorizing the Attorney General of the United States to recognize and to award to outstanding courageous young Americans a medal for heroism known as the Young American Medal for Bravery; S. 1648, to authorize the expenditure of income from Federal Prison Industries, Inc., for training of Federal prisoners; H. R. 5886, to correct an error in the Nationality Act; four private immigration bills; and 26 private claims bills. H. R. 42, to amend the Federal Tort Claims Act, and one private claim bill were tabled.

MERCHANT MARINE

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: The full committee in its consideration of the status of the American merchant marine, as affected by the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 and the Ship Sales Act of 1946, heard testimony from Frazer Bailey, president of the National Federation of American Shipping; Donald S. Morrison, president of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co.; and W. B. Garner, executive vice president of the Waterman Steamship Co.

STAMP—POSTAL ROUTE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: In executive session, the committee received the report of the Subcommittee on Pay Legislation on the Federal payincrease bill. It also ordered H. J. Res. 329, to issue a special postage stamp in honor of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians in Oklahoma, and H. J. Res. 347, authorizing the Postmaster General to withhold the awarding of star-route contracts for a period of 60 days, to be favorably reported to the House.

INDIAN BILLS

Committee on Public Lands: The Subcommittee on Indian Affairs heard John H. Provinse, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, who opposed S. 608, authorizing issuance of patent in fee to Growing Four Times, and H. R. 1150, patent in fee to Claude E. Milliken. These two measures were ordered reported to the full committee. Also held hearings on H. R. 3430, defining exterior boundary of Warm Springs Indian Reservation, Oreg., with Representative Stockman, sponsor of the bill, and John H. Provinse appearing in

favor, and Howard Hopkins, assistant chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, opposing this legislation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SURPLUS HOUSING

Committee on Public Works: Continued its consideration of H. R. 5710, for the disposal of temporary housing constructed under the provisions of the Lanham Act of 1940, and received testimony favoring the bill from Fred W. Ambrose, business manager, University of Iowa; Dr. John A. Hannah, president, Michigan State College; Hugh Gregg, business manager, and N. A. Rotunno, chairman of development program, both of Syracuse University, N. Y.

Statements were also received from Dr. Francis J. Brown, staff associate of the American Council of Education; Dr. Jesse P. Bogue, executive secretary, American Association of Junior Colleges; and Rear Adm. James E. Maher, who testified for the Chief of Naval Operations, USN, and urged amendment to the bill to protect the housing interests of the U. S. Navy. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FLOOD CONTROL

Committee on Public Works: The Subcommittee on Flood Control held hearings on its omnibus bill. Two flood-control projects in Illinois and Wisconsin; H. R. 6052, flood-control project on the Arkansas River; and H. R. 4888, a bill introduced by Mr. Schwabe of Oklahoma, authorizing the reservoir to be created by the construction of the Fort Gibson Dam, Okla., to be known as Lake Chouteau, were considered. It received a brief general statement on the Army's flood-control aims from Gen. R. C. Crawford, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army. Testimony was also received from William Harold Sadler, chairman; A. E. Johnson, chief engineer; and J. C. Baker, director of highways; all of the Arkansas State Highway Commission. These three witnesses appeared in favor of H. R. 6052, whose author, Representative Trimble, along with Representative Hays, also furnished supporting statements. Lt. Col. Herbert C. Gee, Army Corps of Engineers, presented the Army's report on the Rock River project, in Illinois and Wisconsin, with map illustrations.

The subcommittee postponed action on H. R. 4888 indefinitely.

VA PERSONNEL

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Maj. Gen. Carl R. Gray, Administrator for Veterans' Affairs, and Sam Moore, director of the budget, VA, appeared before the committee in its consideration of the recent reduction in personnel in the Veterans' Administration. It also heard R. E. Miles, G. J. Aitken, and Harry H. Graef, all of the Executive Office of the President, Bureau of the Budget.

Joint Committee Meetings

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee met in executive session with members of the Atomic Energy Commission and of its Review Board to discuss personnel matters of the AEC.

FOREIGN AID

Conferees of the House and Senate on S. 2202, foreignaid bill, met in executive session throughout the day, staying in night session, in hopes of reaching a final agreement to file a conference report on the foreign-aid program.

The Senate has passed three bills on foreign aid: S. 2202, to authorize \$5.3 billion for ERP for a 12-month period, and additional authorization through June 30, 1952; S. 2393, authorizing \$463 million for aid to China; and S. 2358, to authorize an additional \$275 million for aid to Greece and Turkey.

The House has passed only one bill, S. 2202, after striking out the Senate version of that bill and substituting its version therefor, providing \$6,205,000,000 in a single package for foreign aid, including aid for European recovery program, Greece and Turkey, and China.

The conferees have under consideration combining all of this aid in a single bill, S. 2202, on which the conference report will be filed.

HOUSING AND RENTS

Joint Meeting of the Banking and Currency Committees: The House committee and a subcommittee of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee met in executive session with Tighe E. Woods, Housing Expediter, to discuss administration under the new rent-control law.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D217)

S. 203, increasing by 1 cent per mile for next 2 years the allowance made to rural mail carriers for use and maintenance of their equipment. Signed March 31, 1948 (P. L. 467);

S. 2361, amending title VI of the National Housing Act by extending it for 1 month and increasing the mortgage-insurance authority by \$400 million. Signed March 31, 1948 (P. L. 468);

H. R. 5314, providing for the maintenance of an adequate rubber-producing industry. Signed March 31, 1948 (P. L. 469);

H. J. Res. 355, interim-aid appropriations and tax refunds, providing \$55 million for interim aid. Signed March 31, 1948 (P. L. 470).

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF 80TH CONGRESS

The following are tables on nominations and legislative activity, run monthly in the DAILY DIGEST.

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the House and Senate during this session, January 6, 1948, through March 31, 1948.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 6 through March 31, 1948

	Senate	House	Total
Days in session	50	49	
Time in session	227 hrs., 42'	217 hrs., 49'	
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	1,955	2,031	3,986
Appendix			2, 134
Public bills enacted into law	31	44	75
Private bills enacted into law.	51	41	92
Bills in conference			**7
Bills through conference			10
Measures passed, total	301	396	
Senate bills	127	83	
House bills	121	238	
Senate joint resolutions	8	3	
House joint resolutions	5	7	
Senate concurrent resolu-			
tions	4	4	
House concurrent resolu-			
tions	11	12	
Simple resolutions	25	49	74
Measures reported, total	*267	342	
Senate bills	118	56	
House bills	94	222	
Senate joint resolutions	13	1	
House joint resolutions	4	18	
Senate concurrent resolu-			
tions	5	0	
House concurrent resolu-	Maria de la		
tions	8	6	
Simple resolutions	25	39	64
Special reports	14	36	
Conference reports			10
Reported measures not acted	2 / 2	10100	1 1
on.	**58	**138	1 9

*These figures on measures reported include all placed on calendar or acted on by Senate even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 236 reports has been filed in the Senate; a total of 388 has been filed in the House.

**This figure does not agree with the total difference between bills reported and bills passed, because resolutions and bills placed on the House Calendar without having been formally reported were not included in figures of measures reported to the House; the difference in the case of Senate figures is due to uncounted bills "laid on the table" or "indefinitely postponed." These data include bills on Calendar and in conference at the end of the first session.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY—Continued

	Senate	House	Total
Measures introduced, total	570	1,486	2,056
Bills	494	1,253	1,747
Joint resolutions	31	79	110
Concurrent resolutions	10	51	61
Simple resolutions	35	103	138
Quorum calls	75	13	88
Yea-and-nay votes	28	21	49

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 6-MARCH 31, 1948

Postmaster nominations, totaling 872, disposed of as follows:

IOHOWS:	
Confirmed	2
Withdrawn	II
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	859
Army nominations, totaling 2,209, disposed of as	T HOLE
follows:	
Confirmed	1,813
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	396
Air Force nominations, totaling 966, disposed of as	English In
follows:	
Confirmed	251
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	715
Navy nominations, totaling 457, disposed of as	167.10
follows:	
Confirmed	284
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	173
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 621, disposed	
of as follows:	
Confirmed	609
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	12
Civilian nominations other than postmasters, totaling	
1,700, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,653
Withdrawn	I
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	46

Summary

Total nominations received	6, 825
Total rejected	None
Total withdrawn	12
Total unconfirmed	2, 201
Total confirmed	. 6.0

TABLE OF APPROPRIATION BILLS, EIGHTIETH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

				House				7	Senate			Public law		
Bill No.		Title	Budget esti- mates	Date reported	Amount as reported	Date passed	Amount as passed	Date reported	Amount as reported	Date passed	Amount as passed	Date approved	Amount as approved	Law No.
I. R.	5214	Independent Offices	\$1,048,456,864	Jan. 30	\$991,583,551	Feb. 4	\$991,518,551	Mar. 12	\$967,705,551	Mar. 15	\$967,705,551			
I. R.	5524	Army-Civil Functions	737,804,300	Feb. 24	606,558,766	Feb. 26	606,558,766							
I. R.	5525	Urgent Deficiency, 1948	131,546,901	Feb. 24	131,015,385	Feb. 24	131,015,385	Feb. 26	137,339,385	Feb. 27	137,489,385	Mar. 4	\$136,368,385	430
H. R.	5607	State-Justice-Commerce	587,837,431 214,318,531 116,922,000 236,843,500 19,753,400	Feb. 27	503,420,263 197,127,463 116,300,700 171,087,000 18,785,100	Mar. 5	503,590,263 197,217,463 116,300,700 171,257,000 18,785,100							
I. R.	5728	Labor-Federal Security Labor	935,524,269 16,600,300 263,155,779 655,768,550	Mar. 5	905,405,250 12,498,200 239,788,500 653,118,550	Mar. 8	905,405,250 12,498,200 239,788,500 653,118,550							
I. R.	5770	Treasury-Post Office	2,017,626,200 306,981,700 1,710,644,500	Mar. 9	1,981,722,350 290,453,100 1,691,269,250	Mar. 11	1,981,722,350 290,453,100 1,691,269,250							
. R.	5883	Agriculture	635,332,480	Mar. 16	546,283,453	Mar. 18	545,533,453							
. J. Re	s. 355	Foreign Aid—Tax Refunds	555,125,000	Mar. 22	555,125,000	Mar. 22	555,125,000	Mar. 25	555,125,000	Mar. 29	555,125,000	Mar. 31	555,125,000	470
. R.	6055	First Deficiency, 1948	398,719,260	Mar. 30	332,407,782									

Friday, April 2, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate and House overrode President's veto on income-tax reduction, and cleared foreign-aid bill for President.

Senate group approved public-lands bills.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 4006-4010

Bills Introduced: Twelve bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2428 to S. 2439, S. J. Res. 203, and S. Res. 218 and 219.

Pages 4005-4006, 4007

Bills Reported: Reports were made, as follows:

S. 1856, utilization as national cemeteries of certain surplus Army Department-owned military real prop-

erty, with amendment (S. Rept. 1049);

S. 1874, compensation for holders of grazing permits and licenses for losses sustained by reason of such use of public lands for national defense purposes, with amendment (S. Rept. 1050);

S. 2240, to extend the boundaries of the Uinta and Wasatch National Forests in Utah (S. Rept. 1051);

H. R. 2645, appointment of U. S. commissioners in national parks (S. Rept. 1052);

S. 2195, to continue rent control in the D. C. until March 31, 1949, with amendments (S. Rept. 1053);

Report of Committee on Expenditures regarding coordination of Federal and State taxes (S. Rept. 1054).

Presidential Message: Received communication from President recommending permanent legislation on authority of President to submit Government reorganization plans.

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Bills Referred: One House-passed bill, passed on April 1, was referred to appropriate committee.

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Bills Re-referred: Labor and Public Welfare Committee was discharged from further consideration of S. 2384, to extend certain benefits of Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 to certain widows and children of deceased veterans, and S. 2404, to provide benefits for veterans suffering injuries, etc., and the bills were re-referred to the Finance Committee.

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Veterans' Subsistence: When the conference report on S. 1393, to increase the permitted rate of allowance and compensation in relation to veterans' subsistence grants, was called up for consideration, Senator Taft made a point of order that it contained matters which were not at issue between the two Houses; that is, not within the jurisdiction of the conferees. President pro

tempore sustained the point of order, from which decision Senator Morse took an appeal; the final decision of the Senate was left undetermined at adjournment. Senate will consider it further next week.

Pages 4010-4018, 4048-4050

Veto Message: By 77 yeas to 10 nays the Senate overrode the President's veto of H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill.

Pages 4018-4026

Foreign Aid: Conference report (H. Rept. 1655) on S. 2202, combining assistance to European countries, Greece and Turkey, and China, was adopted by voice vote, thus clearing the bill for the President's signature.

As approved, the bill would authorize an appropriation of \$6,098,000,000 for a 12-month period, and authorize additional appropriations through June 30, 1952, as Congress may provide subject to annual review. Of the \$6,098,000,000, \$5,300,000,000 would be for ERP, \$463 million for China aid, \$275 million for Greece and Turkey, and \$60 million for International Children's Fund.

An independent Administrator would administer the act, with provision for use of a corporation for carrying out the program.

A joint congressional committee would be established, composed of 10 members, 3 each from Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate and Foreign Affairs Committee of the House, and 2 each from the House and Senate Appropriation Committees, to check on administration of the law.

Pages 4026-4036

Nominations: Senate received three civilian nominations.

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Confirmations: 36 civilian nominations were confirmed, including that of Joseph J. O'Connell, Jr., of New York, to be a member of the CAB.

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Committee Meetings

UMT

Committee on Armed Services: Continuing study of universal military training, committee heard testimony in support of the legislation from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower; Major General Devine, Fort Knox; Mrs. Charles F. Shelton, Kentucky State Congress of PTA; Mrs. W. J. Netherton, Louisville Council of PTA; Rabbi

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Joseph Rauch, Louisville, Ky.; Arthur Williston, Dedham, Mass.; Rev. Carl McIntire, American Council of Christian Churches; and Mayor George W. Welsh, Grand Rapids, president, U. S. Conference of Mayors.

The following witnesses testified in opposition: Miss Mabel Head, United Council of Church Women; the Most Rev. Hugh L. Lamb, auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia, representing the archbishop of Philadelphia; and George Harper, National Conference of Methodist Youth.

Charles Allen Thomas, president, American Chemical Society, favored inclusion of scientists if a UMT or selective-service bill is passed.

The Secretary of Defense submitted to the committee a proposed draft of a bill for selective service and UMT. Hearings continue tomorrow.

WAA TRANSFER

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Committee continued hearings on its print of a drafted bill relative to transferring the WAA and Bureau of Federal Supply of the Treasury Department to the FWA, receiving further testimony in support of the general objectives of the legislation, but with certain specific reservations. M. E. Andrews, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, told the committee that "the Secretary of Defense, rather than the Federal Works Administrator, should be the one to determine when the utilization of a central procurement agency can be used to advantage by the armed services without detriment to their military supply functions"; Dr. Arthur L. Harris, surplus property utilization program, Office of Education; Paul S. Worcester, assistant director of purchases for Pennsylvania; and Herman Landgraf, special assistant to purchasing agent for Rhode Island, requested that the Federal policy of giving State governments priorities in the purchase of surplus property be continued. Hearings continue Monday, April 5.

SOCIAL-SECURITY BENEFITS—EMPLOYMENT TAXES

Committee on Finance: In a morning session, the committee heard Oscar R. Ewing, FSA Administrator, testify in opposition to H. J. Res. 296, to maintain status quo of employment taxes and social-security benefits pending action by Congress to extend social-security coverage.

The committee is scheduled to hold an evening session beginning at 8:30 p. m. to conclude hearings on this measure. The following witnesses are scheduled to testify in support of the bill: Robert Canfield, American Paper and Pulp Association; M. W. Zucker, Commerce and Industry Association of New York, Inc.; Rex Linforth, San Francisco Publishers Association; and J. M. George, National Association of Direct Selling Companies. John J. Stanley, United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO, will testify against it.

HAWAII STATEHOOD AND PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Committee, in executive session, considered Hawaiian statehood bill, and the chairman of the Subcommittee on Territories and Insular Affairs announced after the meeting that his subcommittee would hold further hearings on the bill beginning April 15. The primary purpose of such hearings, he said, would be to obtain views of U. S. citizens before final action is taken.

The following bills were approved for reporting, with amendments: S. 1874, compensation for holders of grazing permits and licenses for losses sustained by reason of such use of public lands for national defense purposes; S. 580, relating to administrative jurisdiction of public lands in Oregon; S. 1856, utilization as national cemeteries of certain surplus Army Department-owned military real property; and H. R. 3703, transfer of surplus real property to National Park Service.

The following were approved without amendment: S. 2240, to extend the boundaries of the Uinta and Wasatch National Forests in Utah; H. R. 2645, appointment of U. S. commissioners in national parks; and H. R. 4118, patent to lands in Rankin County, Miss.

ICC AMENDMENTS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee received testimony generally in support of S. 290 and S. 2426, to amend generally the ICC Act, from Walter M. W. Splawn, ICC; Hartman Barber, Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks; Giles Morrow, Freight Forwarders Institute; John Lawrence, American Trucking Associations, Inc.; James M. Souby, Association of American Railroads; Alfred U. Krebs, National Federation of American Shipping; David S. Letts, American Transit Association; and Chester C. Thompson, American Waterways Operators, Inc. Amendments were suggested by some of the witnesses.

NAVIGATION RULES

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee received testimony generally in support of H. R. 3350, amending navigation rules on western rivers, from Chester C. Thompson, American Waterways Operators, Inc., and Capt. Raymond F. Farwell, U. S. Coast Guard, together with the following river pilots: Captains Aubrey D. Haynes, Ralph Clark, W. H. Griffith, Guy A. Smith, John Hottell, Eugene Roberts, Charles Young, and George M. Vincent. Amendments were suggested by some of the witnesses.

OIL SHORTAGE

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Subcommittee on Oil continued its inquiry into limitations on oil production under State protection laws in relation to supply-and-demand estimates, receiving testimony from the following: Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug; Fred Lott, Bureau of Mines; Alfred G. White, Petroleum Economic Division; and Max Ball, Oil and Gas Division—all of the Department of Interior.

EXPORT POLICIES

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Export Subcommittee met very briefly; it was announced that further hearings will begin April 26.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twelve public bills, H. R. 6106-6117; one private bill, H. R. 6118; and five resolutions, H. Res. 519, and H. J. Res. 364-367, were introduced.

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Bill Reported: One report was made, as follows: Survey and Study of the Postal Service (H. Rept. 1656).

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Bills Referred: Two Senate-passed bills, passed on April 1, were referred to appropriate committees.

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Tax-Bill Veto: By vote of 311 yeas to 88 nays, the House overrode the Presidential veto of H. R. 4790, to reduce individual income-tax payments. The question was put after the membership had heard the reading of the President's message expressing his disapproval.

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Foreign Assistance: Adopted the conference report on S. 2202, the Foreign Assistance Act of 1948, by a vote of 318 yeas to 75 nays. (For further details see "Foreign Aid" in Senate chamber action.)

Pages 4053-4070

Oleomargarine: Announcement was made of a sufficient number of signatures to discharge motion No. 12, to discharge the Committee on Agriculture from further consideration of the bill (H. R. 2245) to remove the tax on oleomargarine.

Pages 4078-4079

Special Orders: Under special orders, Representative Hobbs addressed the House on the subject of the recent court decisions pertaining to religious instruction in public schools.

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Committee Meetings

ALCOHOL PLANTS

Committee on Agriculture: In executive session, the group considered H. R. 6096, providing for transfer of Government-owned alcohol plants at Muscatine, Iowa; Kansas City, Mo.; and Omaha, Nebr., to the Department of Agriculture for production of products from agricultural commodities. This bill was ordered favorably reported to the House.

OLEO-RETIREMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: The Procurement Subcommittee at hearings on H. J. Res. 309 and 331, to permit use of oleomargarine in the armed forces, heard the following witnesses: Representatives Rivers and Mitchell, sponsors of the two mentioned resolutions, respectively; and Dr. Anton J. Carlson, University of Chicago; Col. George H. Dietz, Department of the Air Force, Office of Quartermaster; and Maj. Gen. Herman Feldman, Chief, Supply Activities, Quartermaster Corps, Department of the Army.

Legal Subcommittee met in executive session to consider disability retirements.

SUGAR

Committee on Banking and Currency: In the hearings on H. R. 5174 and H. R. 5187, identical measures which would authorize Commodity Credit Corporation to make adjustment payments to certain producers of raw cane sugar in Puerto Rico and Hawaii. Favorable testimony was furnished by the following: Delegate Fernós-Isern, Puerto Rico (author of H. R. 5187); Enrique Cordova-Diaz, representing Plazuela Sugar Co. of Puerto Rico; Jesus M. Rios, representing labor unions; and Lawrence Myers, director, Sugar Branch, Production and Marketing Administration of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Myers stated he had not cleared it with the Bureau of the Budget, but so far as his Department was concerned, it was not opposed to the bill.

PROCUREMENT AND BUILDINGS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings discussed its future program in an executive meeting.

REPORTS ON COMMUNISM—REPRINT

Committee on House Administration: In executive meeting, the Subcommittee on Printing heard Dr. J. W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education, who favored the purposes of H. Con. Res. 179, authorizing the reprinting of 2,000,000 copies of the report entitled "The Strategy and Tactics of World Communism."

OIL AND GAS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Held hearings on its inquiry into steel requirements for oil

and gas production, oil pipe lines, and transportation of natural gas, refining and marketing facilities, and heard Russell B. Brown, chairman, petroleum-industry steel-requirements committee of National Petroleum Council. Fayette B. Dow, of the National Petroleum Association, and B. C. Graves, president, Union Tank Car Co., also appeared as supporting witnesses.

TAXATION—ADMIRALTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 heard Representative Smith of Virginia on H. R. 127, which would prohibit multiple State taxation on the wages and salaries of Federal employees. The bill was ordered favorably reported to the full committee after being amended to provide that in order to be relieved of income tax in the State or municipality where he temporarily resides the employee must furnish evidence that a tax on his compensation has been paid in the State he declares to be his domicile. The subcommittee also agreed to report favorably, amended, H. R. 4873, to extend the time within which certain suits in admiralty may be brought against the United States.

SOFT-SHELL CLAMS

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: The Subcommittee on Fisheries resumed its consideration of H. R. 4909 and related measures which would direct the Fish and Wildlife Service to undertake certain studies of the soft-shell clam industry in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut. The testimony of M. C. James, Fish and Wildlife Service in the Interior Department, was received.

MAIL COLLECTIONS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Submitted a report to Congress concerning city delivery and collection of mail in Cleveland, Ohio. This city was selected for the engineering survey, which was made by Trundle Engineering Co., and recommendations made by this study could be applied to other large cities. It is esti-

mated that savings of over \$600,000 annually may be made by applying these recommendations, many of them to be applied throughout the postal service. If the Remington Rand recommendations are adopted by the service, which provides for a more efficient method of separating mail, an annual savings of \$72,000,000 is estimated.

INDIAN BILLS

Committee on Public Lands: John H. Provinse, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, appeared before the Subcommittee on Indian Affairs and testified in favor of H. R. 2352, amended, providing for sale of Crow Tribe interests in estates of deceased Crow Indian allottees, and S. 1021, payment of salaries to chairman, secretary, and clerk of Fort Peck Indian General Council, and against S. 1468, payment of \$50 to each Mescalero Apache Indian from funds to their credit in U. S. Treasury. The three bills were ordered reported to the full committee.

SURPLUS HOUSING

Committee on Public Works: Concluded its hearings on H. R. 5710, for the disposal of temporary housing constructed under the provisions of the Lanham Act of 1940. Representative Johnson of California spoke in favor of the legislation and proposed an amendment which would include the disposal of schools built under the act. Representative Fletcher also favored this amendment. The committee also heard the statements of Col. Charles H. Woodley, U. S. Air Forces, and Maj. C. B. Schmeltzer, Department of the Army.

NONTAXABLE REORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Received the statement of Leslie M. Rapp, New York City, representing Jack & Heintz Precision Industries, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, in its discussion of legislation to permit carry-over and carry-back of nonoperating losses and unused excess credits. This meeting was executive.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed RFC extension and D. C. daylight-saving bills. House passed 50 bills on call of Private and Consent Calendars. Many bills were approved by Senate groups and reported to Senate.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2440 to S. 2466; S. J. Res. 204 and 205; and S. Res. 220.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 4326, to extend the privilege of filing a petition under the Bankruptcy Act, with amendment (S. Rept. 1056);

H. R. 4931, to amend title 17 of the U. S. Code entitled "Copyrights," to increase fee, with amendment (S. Rept. 1057);

S. 2158, to amend the Foreign Aid and Third Supplemental Appropriation Acts to eliminate certain provisions requiring retention of a specified carry-over of wheat (S. Rept. 1098);

S. 2376, to provide a revolving fund to purchase agricultural commodities for processing in occupied areas,

with amendment (S. Rept. 1099);

S. 580, relating to administrative jurisdiction of public lands in Oregon, with amendment (S. Rept. 1105);

S. Res. 220, authorizing printing of 2,000 additional copies of S. Rept. 950, investigation of immigration system (no written report); and the following private bills: S. 252, 1886, H. R. 927, 2213, 2633, 3300, 3387, S. 1256, 1637, 1729, 1745, 193, 253, 283, 996, 1332, 1365, 1483, 1656, 1667, 1692, 1712, H. R. 358, 387, 420, 421, 560, 899, 1859, 1912, 1927, 2250, 2303, 2425, 2427, 2557, 3039, 3263, 3849, 3968, 4403, S. 825, H. R. 1498, S. 2131, H. R. 388 and 990 (S. Repts. 1055, 1058 through 1097, 1100 through 1104).

Conferees: Senator McGrath was excused as a conferee on H. R. 2192, private bill, and Senator McCarran was named in his place.

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Private Bill: Conference report on S. 1799, private bill, was adopted.

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D. C. Daylight Saving: S. 1481, daylight-saving time for D. C., was passed by 46 yeas to 17 nays, after Overton amendment in the nature of a substitute, to provide for a referendum of D. C. residents on the question, was rejected by 16 yeas to 47 nays.

Pages 4092-4096, 4096-4103

RFC: S. 2287, to extend the powers of the RFC to 1958, was passed by voice vote, after adopting several perfecting committee amendments and one to provide for renewal up to 10 years of loans made prior to July 1, 1947.

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Confirmations: 10 Public Health Service nominations were confirmed.

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Nominations: 164 nominations were received, including that of Paul G. Hoffman, Indiana, to be Administrator for Economic Cooperation, 1 Army, 1 Navy, 16 Air Force, and 145 routine Foreign Service.

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Committee Meetings

WHEAT, MEAT, AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: In executive session on April 3, the committee approved for reporting to the Senate S. 2158, to amend the Foreign Aid and Third Supplemental Appropriation Acts to eliminate certain provisions requiring retention of a specified carry-over of wheat; S. 2256, relating to the cost of the meat-inspection service of the Department of Agricul-

ture, with amendment; and S. 2376, to provide a revolving fund to purchase agricultural commodities for processing in occupied areas, with amendment. Committee meets again tomorrow.

ARMY CIVIL-FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee concluded marking up H. R. 5524, Army civil-functions appropriations, for reporting to the full committee. As approved by the subcommittee, it would provide for approximately \$103 million over the House-approved figure, or approximately \$24 million under Budget estimates. The bill as it passed the House would provide for an appropriation of \$606,558,766.

STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee concluded hearings on H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations, after receiving testimony from Senators Millikin and Johnson, and Representative Chenoweth in support of funds for aircraft control tower at Colorado Springs, and from the following Government officials in support of funds for their respective agencies: Dr. E. U. Condon, Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce; F. W. Reichelderfer, Chief of Weather Bureau; Under Secretary William C. Foster, Assistant Secretary for Aeronautics John R. Alison, and F. R. Cawley, budget officer—all of the Department of Commerce; and E. R. Butts, S. A. Andretta, E. N. Slack, T. L. Caudle, and H. P. Locke, all for funds for the Tax Division of the Department of Justice.

On April 5, the following officials from the Department of Commerce appeared in behalf of funds for their respective agencies: Under Secretary William C. Foster; F. R. Cauley, budget officer; Bernard L. Gladieux, executive assistant; I. N. P. Stoke, Solicitor; G. R. Koonce, Printing Section; Donald R. Burgess, Office of Publications; and Oliver C. Short, Director of Personnel, all for the Department of Commerce generally; John C. Green and L. W. Turnley, Office of Technical Services; Josh Lee, M. C. Mulligan, and Andrew Drance, all of CAB; James C. Capt, A. Ross Eckler, and Howard C. Grieves, Bureau of Census; Thomas C. Blaisdell, George L. Bell, and Rex A. Anderson, Office of International Trade; James L. Kelly, Office of Small Business; H. B. McCoy, Office of Domestic Commerce; M. Joseph Meehan, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce; Carlton Hayward, Joseph A. Mack, and Robert W. Newland, Office of Field Service; and Lawrence C. Kingsland, Patent Office.

UMT AND SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in executive session to work on draft of a proposed bill providing for universal military training and the reenactment of selective service, but made no announcement of action taken.

On April 3, the committee concluded hearings on universal military training, after receiving testimony against the bill from Dr. Charles C. Tansill, Georgetown University, reading a statement of Prof. Charles A. Beard; Col. Truman Smith, USA (retired); and L. H. Reyerson, professor of chemistry, University of Minnesota.

Dr. Henry D. Smythe, department of physics, Princeton University, discussed adequate provisions for scientists in the proposed legislation.

Committee continues tomorrow in executive session.

PUBLIC HOUSING IN WEST VIRGINIA

Committee on Banking and Currency: In hearings on S. 2288, to provide for sale at cost of Public Housing Administration project No. 46011, at Ordnance Park, W. Va., committee received testimony in support of the legislation from J. E. Shipp and Frank Lohnstein, both representing Veteran Tenants Organization of Ordnance Park. B. T. Fitzpatrick, Housing and Home Finance Agency, was present to answer questions.

On April 5, Senator Revercomb testified in support of the bill.

WAA TRANSFER

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: On April 5 committee concluded hearings on the drafted bill submitted it by the FWA relative to transferring the WAA and Bureau of Federal Supply of the Treasury Department to FWA, after receiving testimony from Under Secretary of Air Force A. S. Barrows, and Assistant Secretary of Army Gordon Gray, both of whom expressed sympathy for the objectives of the bill but requested that the National Military Establishment be excluded from its provisions, or allowed "to utilize the services of a controlled supply agency in those instances where economy and efficiency will be promoted without any adverse affect on the independent supply responsibilities of the military departments."

Edwin K. Dole, National Committee of State Educational Agencies for Surplus Property, Sacramento, Calif., also appeared to urge a continuation of public benefit allowances for educational and health instrumentalities and institutions as now authorized under the Surplus Property Act of 1944. Committee meets in executive session on April 8.

NOMINATIONS AND REFERENCE OF TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: The nominations of Lincoln MacVeagh, to be Ambassador to Portugal, and Felix Cole, to be Ambassador to Ceylon, together with routine Foreign Service nominations, were ordered reported to the Senate.

Coffee and sugar agreements extension were referred to a subcommittee, headed by Senator Lodge, for study.

Claims Convention with Norway, and International Labor Organization Convention, were referred to subcommittee headed by Senator Thomas of Utah.

International Telecommunications Convention was referred to a subcommittee headed by Senator White.

INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: On April 5, the Subcommittee on Indian Affairs met in executive session to consider calendar bills. Action taken will be reported to the full committee at its next meetings.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Committee continued hearings on S. 2231, to limit power of radio-broadcast stations, receiving opposition testimony from Col. J. H. Dewitt, Jr., engineer for Clear Channel Broadcasting Service; James D. Shouse, manager of WLW, Cincinnati; Victor Sholis, secretary of CCBS; and Wm. B. Ryan, manager, KFI, Los Angeles.

On April 5 the committee received testimony in opposition to the bill from Louis G. Caldwell, representing CCBS, and Col. J. H. Dewitt, Jr., engineer for CCBS. James Barr, engineer for FCC, appeared to give the committee technical information. Hearings continue tomorrow.

COPYRIGHTS, BANKRUPTCY, TIDELANDS, EQUAL RIGHTS, AND PRIVATE BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session on April 5, the committee ordered reported 2 public bills and 47 private bills: The 2 public bills are: H. R. 4931, to amend title 17 of the U. S. Code entitled "Copyrights," to increase copyright fee, with amendment, and H. R. 4326, to extend the privilege of filing a petition under the Bankruptcy Act, with amendment.

The committee agreed to give further consideration to the tidelands bill (S. 1988) at its next meeting.

Subcommittee filed its report with the full committee on S. J. Res. 76, equal rights amendment. Further action was held over until a later date.

The nomination of Edney Ridge, to be U. S. marshal for middle district of North Carolina, was favorably approved.

The following private immigration bills were approved for reporting: S. 193, 253, 283, 996, 1256 (with amendment), 1332, 1365, 1483, 1637 (with amendment), 1656, 1667, 1692, 1712, 1729 (with amendment), and 1745 (with amendment); H. R. 358, 387, 420, 421, 560, 899, 1859, 1912, 1927, 2250, 2303, 2425, 2427, 2557, 3039, 3263, 3849, 3968, and 4403.

The following private claims bills were approved for reporting: S. 252 (with amendment), 314 (with amendment), 825 (with amendment), 1886, and 2131; H. R. 388, 927, 990, 1498 (with amendment), 2213, 2633, 3300, and 3387.

The committee postponed indefinitely further consideration of the following bills: S. 1443, 1482, 1884, 1831, and H. R. 1093.

EXTENSION COURSES AND SCIENCE BILL

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee met in executive session on April 5 and discussed S. 1390, Labor Department extension courses, and S. 2385, national science foundation bill, but took no final action on either. Subcommittee meets again Friday.

Hearings will be held on the diseases-of-the-heart bills (S. 2215 and S. 720) on April 8 and 9.

STAR-ROUTE CONTRACTS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: In executive session, committee approved for reporting without amendment S. J. Res. 198, to authorize the Postmaster General to withhold the awarding of star-route contracts for a period of 60 days.

Also, approximately 25 postmaster nominations were approved.

NAVY-YARD EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee, on April 5, received testimony in support of S. 2285, relating to fixing of wage rates for navy-yard employees, from Wesley Powell, administrative assistant to Senator Bridges, in behalf of Senator Bridges, and James A. Brownlow, metal-trades department, AFL.

Under Secretary of Navy W. John Kenney appeared in opposition to the measure. Subcommittee meets again on Wednesday.

TVA

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control received testimony from Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan, and J. C. Dykes, Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture, both of whom discussed operation of Soil Conservation Service and explained why such Service does not operate in the Tennessee Valley area. This testimony is in connection with hearings on S. 1277, to amend comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and organization of the Authority, and placing it on an equal basis with other Government agencies.

On April 5, the subcommittee received testimony from John D. Flynn (author), of New York, recommending that a study be made of TVA under authority of Congress by professional accountants and engineers to determine what is the investment in power, navigation, and flood control. He proposed that the present TVA Board be superseded and that TVA authority be limited to power operations. In his opinion Congress should not surrender its power over direct appropriations for any kind of activity which is being performed by the Government.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty public bills, H. R. 6119-6138; five private bills, H. R. 6139-6143; and two resolutions, H. Res. 520 and H. J. Res. 368, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 5820, aiding in the development of improved prosthetic appliances (H. Rept. 1657);

H. R. 5680, providing for limiting participation as beneficiary under the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended (H. Rept. 1658);

H. R. 6096, retaining Government ownership of certain war plants for the making of grain alcohol and authorizing the Department of Agriculture to use them in the conduct of research to widen outlets of farm products (H. Rept. 1659);

H. R. 3358, a private bill (H. Rept. 1660); and

H. R. 5886, correcting an error in the Nationality Act of 1940 (H. Rept. 1661).

Private Calendar: On the call of bills on the Private Calendar 33 bills were passed as follows:

Cleared for President: S. 111, 1235, and 1307.

Sent to Senate without amendment: H. R. 371, 564, 700, 814, 1409, 1779, 2131, 2329, 2889, 3261, 3497, 3740, 4718, 5330, and 5387.

Sent to Senate, amended: H. R. 636, 894, 1303, 1734, 1955, 2264, 3007, 3189, 3640, 3644, 3931, 4372, 4518, 4602, and 5208.

Passed over without prejudice: S. 1312, H. R. 838, 926, 1801, 2193, 2785, 2897, 2918, 3114, 4199, and 4484.

Objected to and recommitted: S. 1263, H. R. 342, 403, 2152, and 3553.

Consent Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Consent Calendar:

Cleared for the President-

High-School Building: S. 805, authorizing an appropriation for the construction, extension, and improvement of a high-school building near Roosevelt, Utah.

Aqueduct: S. 1306, relating to the construction and disposition of the San Jacinto-San Vicente aqueduct.

Port Newark Army Base: S. 1581, time extension for installment payments to Newark, N. J., on purchase of Port Newark Army Base.

U. S. Naval Hospital: S. 1794, authorizing construction of a reflecting pool at the U.S. naval hospital, Houston, Tex. (passed in lieu of H. R. 4508, which was laid on the table).

U. S. Service Uniforms: S. 1799, relating to illegal wearing of the U.S. service uniforms in all places within U. S. jurisdiction.

Virgin Islands: S. 2081, extending the provisions of the Federal Airport Act to the Virgin Islands.

Sent to Senate without amendment-

Joint Board of Defense: H. R. 5708, exempting civilian members of the permanent Joint Board of Defense, United States-Canada, from certain statutory restrictions on outside activities.

Mustering-Out Payment: H. R. 5805, extending time for application for benefits of Mustering-Out Payment

Volunteer Firemen: H. J. Res. 339, authorizes issuance of special postage-stamp series in honor of volunteer

American Turners Society: H. J. Res. 340, authorizing issuance of a special series of stamps commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the American Turners Society in the United States.

Fort Kearney, Nebr.: H. J. Res. 341, authorizing issuance of a special series of stamps commemorative of one hundredth anniversary of founding of Fort Kearney, Nebr.

Sent to Senate, amended—

Allegheny County, Pa.: H. R. 1008, for the relief of the county of Allegheny, Pa.

Disabled Veterans' Housing: H. R. 4244, authorizing assistance to certain veterans in acquiring specially adapted housing which they require by reason of the nature of their service-connected disabilities.

Naval Salvage: H. R. 4490, authorizing Secretary of

Navy to provide salvage facilities.

Alaska: H. R. 5122, permitting increase of tax on

assessed valuation of lands in Alaska.

Alien Husbands: H. R. 5137, extending date wherein alien husbands may enter this country as nonquota immigrants.

Military Retroactive Checkage: H. R. 5344, preventing retroactive checkage of retired pay in the cases of certain enlisted men and officers.

Veto Message: Received Presidential veto of H. R. 5052, excluding certain vendors of newspapers or magazines from certain provisions of Social Security Act and Internal Revenue Code. Page 4134

Private Bill: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 1523, a private bill, clearing it for the President.

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Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Edwin Arthur Hall on the emergency situation due to floods of the Susquehanna River in the Endicott, Vestal, and Johnson City area of New York; Mr. Dondero on the activities of George Shaw Wheeler; and Mr. Poulson on the story of the Colorado River. Pages 4134-4142

Committee Meetings

CATTLE GRUBS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee No. 4, in its consideration of H. R. 1043 and S. 1249, to authorize appropriations to conduct additional research into eradication of cattle grubs, received statement of F. E. Mollin, executive secretary, National Livestock Association, Denver, Colo. Next hearing on this subject will be at the call of the Chair.

OIL—AIR MATÉRIEL—OLEO

Committee on Armed Services: Procurement Subcommittee held hearings on the use of oleomargarine by the armed forces, hearing Lt. Col. W. E. Barksdale, Chief, Subsistence Branch, Office of the Quartermaster General; Capt. Denver I. Allen, Chief, Nutrition Branch, Office of the Surgeon General; Rear Adm. Edwin D. Foster, Chief, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, U. S. Navy; and Commander Max Trumper, Medical Service Corps., U. S. Navy.

Subcommittee No. 5 held an executive session on the subject of air matériel.

On April 5, the Subcommittee on Posts and Stations agreed to report H. R. 2359 favorably at the next full committee meeting. This bill provides for a waterfiltration plant at West Point. The Special Subcommittee on Oil met in executive session.

COMMEMORATIVE COINS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Held hearings on two commemorative-coin bills, with members of the Minnesota congressional delegation, Representatives August H. Andresen, H. Carl Andersen, Hagen, Mac-Kinnon, and Devitt, appearing in favor of H. R. 3109, Minnesota anniversary coin; and Representatives Woodruff and LeCompte, and Lloyd Thurston, Osceola, Iowa, favoring H. J. Res. 333, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the war with Spain. Further consideration tomorrow in executive session.

Director of the Mint, Nellie Tayloe Ross, and Stephen J. Spingarn, Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. Treasury Department, testified. In the testimony it was brought out that the Treasury Department is opposed to commemorative coins.

D. C. LEGISLATION

Committee on the District of Columbia: The Subcommittee on Health, Education, and Recreation ordered the following three bills reported to the full committee: H. R. 5808, to continue permanently a system of nursery schools for day care of D. C. Children; H. R. 6087, with amendments, regulating the practice of optometry; and H. R. 6071, the treatment of sexual psychopaths. The subcommittee did not report out H. R. 5307, authorizing the making of grants for D. C. hospitals.

VIERS MILL PROJECT

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: In the hearing on the Viers Mill housing project, Montgomery County, Md., before the Snyder subcommittee, the following witnesses were heard: Representative Beall; Perry G. Burdette and Francis K. Metzger, assessors, Montgomery County, Md.; Dana B. Johannes and Loren L. Murray, architects, Silver Spring, Md.; A. C. Ketcham and A. O. Burghardt, contractors, Montgomery County, Md.; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sheldon Pierce, purchasers of one of the houses.

Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings met in executive session and later announced that executive hearings would be held in the near future on the GAO audit of wartime railroad freight vouchers.

CONTESTED ELECTION-MEMORIAL

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections held hearings on the contested election, Wilson against Granger, First Congressional District of Utah, with Don B. Colton and Leroy B. Young, attorneys, representing Wilson; and Clinton D. Vernon, Steward W. Dobbs, and W. W. Ritter, attorneys, representing Granger, present Representative. Hearings continue tomorrow.

On April 5, Subcommittee on Library in its hearings on H. Res. 460, Gandhi memorial, received testimony from Representatives Celler and Mundt; J. J. Singh, president, India League of America; and Raymond Hare, Division of South Asia, State Department.

FUR LABELING-OIL PIPE

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Heard testimony in its consideration of H. R. 3734, a bill to protect fur handlers from improper identification of

fur products and articles made from fur.

Testifying in favor of the bill were: Joseph H. Francis, executive secretary, National Board of Fur Farming Organizations, Morgan, Utah; Roy Harman, chairman, legislative committee, National Board of Fur Farm Organizations, Christiansburg, Va.; and Henry Miller, director, Bureau of Trade Practice Conferences and Wool Act Administration, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D. C.

Opposition witnesses who testified were: Harvey Mann, counsel, representing American Fur Merchants' Association, Inc., American Rabbit Dealers Association, Inc., and Dressers Guild, Inc.; George Adelstein, president, American Fur Merchant Association, Inc.; Isidore Bergner, chairman, foreign-trade committee, Fur Brokers Association, Inc., New York City; and Sidney Friedman, counsel, Afghan American Trading Co., New York City. Further opposition witnesses will be heard tomorrow.

On April 5, David K. E. Bruce, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Foreign and Domestic Commerce, appeared to give information to the committee in its inquiry into steel requirements for oil and gas production, oil pipe lines, and transportation of natural gas, refining, and marketing facilities.

TAXATION—DISPLACED PERSONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered favorably reported to the House, H. R. 127, a bill designed to prevent multiple State taxation on the wages and salaries of Federal employees. Amendments were adopted to require proof that the employee had paid a tax in the State claimed as his legal domicile in order to be relieved of another tax where he temporarily resides or earns his salary.

On April 5, the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization agreed on provisions of a bill for the admission of 200,000 displaced persons, which bill will be introduced by the subcommittee chairman, Representative Fellows. One Senate private immigration bill was ordered favorably reported.

RAILWAY MAIL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The Scoblick subcommittee in its consideration of H. R. 5272, the objective of which is to correct the condition in the railway mail service which has resulted in the placing of certain railway mail clerks in a surplus category, heard the following witnesses: John D. Hardy, Deputy Second Assistant Postmaster General in Charge of Surface Transport; Peter J. Connally, Assistant Solicitor; Robert Rice, president, Railway Mail Association; and Thomas G. Walters, operations director, Government Employees Council.

PUBLIC LAND BILLS

Committee on Public Lands: The committee ordered the following bills to be favorably reported to the House:

H. R. 2352, sale of interests in estates of deceased Crow Tribe Indians;

H. R. 3633, amending Hawaiian Homes Act;

H. R. 3635, ratifying joint resolution of Legislature of Hawaii;

H. R. 3680, amending Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920;

H. R. 3954, approval of act of Hawaiian legislature; H. R. 4091, ratifying act of Hawaiian legislature;

H. R. 4201, payments to school district serving Fort Peck project in Montana;

H. R. 4203, establishing eligibility for burial in national cemeteries;

H. R. 4512, conveying lands to State of Oklahoma for use of Northeastern Teachers College.

H. R. 4551, to add surplus lands to Cape Hatteras national seashore recreational project;

H. R. 4642, regarding tribal funds of Navajo Indians;

H. R. 4722, to establish national cemeteries at Fort Devens, Mass.; Fort Logan, Colo.; and Fort Lewis, Wash.;

H. R. 4966, sale and leasing of houses, apartments, and lands, Boulder City, Nev.;

H. R. 5155, authorizing joint survey by Public Roads Administration and National Park Service of the C. & O. Canal;

H. R. 5173, amending Hawaiian Homes Commission

H. R. 5175, issuance of Hawaiian public improvement bonds;

H. R. 5244, credits in connection with homestead interests of certain World War II veterans;

H. R. 5262, sale of Indian lands;

H. R. 5609, authorizing survey of Mississippi River Parkway;

H. R. 5651, conveying lands in South Dakota for municipal or public purposes;

H. R. 5669, adjustment of irrigation charges of Flathead Indian irrigation project;

H. R. 5763, authorizing sale of lands to the South-western Indian Mission, Inc.;

H. R. 5816, amending the act providing for the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park;

H. R. 5822, with reference to the Saratoga National Historical Park in New York;

S. 608, patent in fee to Growing Four Times;

S. 714, patent in fee to Claude E. Milliken;

S. 1021, authorizing payment of expenses of the chairman, secretary, and clerk of Fort Peck general council;

S. 1468, authorizing payment of \$50 each for enrolled members of the Mescalero Tribe of Apache Indians;

S. 1583, conveys land to Maryland for use by the University of Maryland; and

S. J. Res. 94, establishing Fort Sumter National Monument in the State of South Carolina.

ROADS-FLOOD CONTROL

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads ordered the following measures to be reported to the full committee: H. R. 3915, increasing size of the Arkansas-Mississippi Bridge Commission; S. 1611, in lieu of H. R. 4635, to construct a bridge across the Mississippi River at Sauk Rapids, Minn.; and S. 1545, in lieu of H. R. 4095, authorizing construction of bridges, roads, etc., on U. S. property within limits of Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown, Va.

The Subcommittee on Flood Control ordered the Genesee River and Tonawanda Creek projects in New York to become part of its omnibus bill. C. W. Knappen-

berg, attorney, Dansville, N. Y.; L. E. Pickard, supervisor, town of North Dansville, N. Y.; and T. R. Hugo, Jr., industrial engineer, Foster-Wheeler project, Dansville, N. Y., offered testimony on the Genesee River project; and Judd L. Perkins, mayor, and A. O. West, city engineer, both of Batavia, N. Y., were heard on the Tonawanda Creek project.

Lt. Col. H. C. Gee, Army Corps of Engineers, presented the Army's report on the two projects, and will be heard later on the Reno Beach project in Ohio, on which Eugene Howard, Lake Erie Conservancy District, spoke. Horace S. Evans, executive director, New York State Flood Control Commission, appeared for the New York projects.

On April 5, Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors heard Representative Anderson of California, who testified in favor of including the Pillar Point project at Half Moon Bay, Calif., in the river-and-harbor omnibus bill. The views of the Army engineers were expressed by Col. Wayne S. Moon relative to the project at Charleston, South Slough, Oreg. Representative Ellsworth spoke in behalf of this project which is located in his congressional district.

ROAD LEGISLATION

Committee on Rules: On April 5, granted a rule providing for consideration and debate on H. R. 5888, amending the Federal Road Act to authorize funds for continuing the construction of roads and highways.

COMMUNISTS

Committee on Un-American Activities: Met in executive session and later announced that hearings would be held soon to consider instances of political influence being exerted on immigration authorities for admission of Communists into this country.

VETERANS' LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Executive sessions were held on April 5 and 6 to consider bills reported from the subcommittees. Two bills were ordered favorably reported as follows: H. R. 5820, to aid in the development of improved prosthetic appliances; and H. R. 5680, to provide for limited participation as beneficiary under the National Service Life Insurance Act. To continue consideration tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees of the House and Senate on H. R. 5214, independent offices appropriations, met in executive session to work out the differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of the bill, but failed to complete

final agreement for filing a conference report. Meet again tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D222)

H. R. 4790, individual income-tax reduction bill, over President's veto (P. L. 471);

S. 2202, authorizing assistance to European countries, Greece and Turkey, and China. Signed April 3, 1948 (P. L. 472);

H. R. 4478, providing basic authority for VA administrative expenses. Signed April 3, 1948 (P. L. 473);

H. R. 4943, continuing VA authority to operate Philippine office until June 30, 1950. Signed April 3, 1948 (P. L. 474).

Wednesday, April 7, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate recommitted three bills on incorporation of veterans' organizations. House adjourned out of respect to Representative Zimmerman, of Missouri. Bills on marketing agreements and housing, and nominations for Federal Reserve Board and Economic Cooperation approved by Senate groups. 70-group Air Force program unanimously voted by House committee. Conferees agreed on independent offices appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 4144-4150

Bills Introduced: Three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2467 to S. 2469; S. J. Res. 206; S. Con. Res. 48; and S. Res. 221 and 222. Pages 4147, 4177

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2137, to provide for protection of potato and tomato production from the golden nematode (S. Rept. 1106);

S. 2256, relating to the cost of the meat-inspection service of the Department of Agriculture, with amendment (S. Rept. 1107);

S. 314, private bill, with amendment (S. Rept. 1108). H. R. 3703, authorizing transfer of surplus property to Department of Interior from National Park Service, with amendment (S. Rept. 1109);

H. R. 4118, private bill (S. Rept. 1110);

S. 1949, to increase compensation for postmasters and postal employees, with amendment (S. Rept. 1111);

S. J. Res. 198, to authorize the Postmaster General to withhold the awarding of star-route contracts for a period of 60 days (S. Rept. 1112); and

S. Res. 221, authorizing printing of additional copies of hearings on UMT (no written report).

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Private Bill: H. R. 5387, private bill, was ordered placed on the calendar.

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Presidential Message: Received message from President on loan to UN. For details see House Chamber.

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Bills Referred: Forty House-passed bills, passed on April 6, were referred to appropriate committees.

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Veterans Incorporation: S. 1557, to incorporate the Catholic War Veterans of America, was, on motion of Senator Cordon, recommitted to the Judiciary Committee for further study, by vote of 44 yeas to 15 nays; the Senate had voted 33 yeas to 27 nays in favor of motion to proceed to consideration of that bill. During the bill's consideration, several perfecting committee amendments were agreed to.

Motion by Senator Wherry to consider S. 1356, to incorporate Franco-American War Veterans, was passed by voice vote, following which Chavez motion to recommit the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1375, to incorporate Jewish War Veterans, was also considered and recommitted by voice vote.

Pages 4148-4149, 4150-4173

Remount Service: H. R. 3484, to transfer Remount Service from Department of Army to the Department of Agriculture, was taken up for consideration, following which Senator Thomas of Oklahoma presented motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Agriculture

and Forestry for further consideration and recommendation. This motion remained pending at the recess.

Pages 4174-4176

Printing: S. Res. 221, authorizing printing of additional copies of hearings on UMT, was adopted.

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Condolence Resolution: Adopted S. Res. 222, expressing condolence on death of Representative Orville Zimmerman.

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Confirmations: The nomination of Paul G. Hoffman to be Administrator for Economic Cooperation was confirmed. Senate also confirmed 56 other civilian nominations, including those of Lincoln MacVeagh, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Portugal, and of Felix Cole, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Ceylon.

Pages 4149-4150, 4177-4178

Foreign-Aid Committee: Senator Vandenberg announced the appointments of Senators Smith, Lodge, and Connally, of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and Senators Bridges and McCarran, of the Committee on Appropriations, to the Joint Congressional Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation.

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Nomination: Received nomination of Carl K. Connell, of Missouri, to be a collector of internal revenue.

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Committee Meetings

POTATO AND TOMATO DISEASE

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: In executive session, the committee approved for reporting, without amendment, S. 2137, to provide for protection of potato and tomato production from the golden nematode.

On Monday, April 12, the committee will begin open hearings on S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program.

FIRST DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee opened hearings on H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriation, receiving testimony from officials of the State Department on funds for Voice of America; from officials of the Department of Army on Government and relief in occupied areas; from officials of the Air Force on distinctive uniforms for Air Force; and from Dr. George W. Calver, Capitol physician, on funds for medical library and museum. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TREASURY-POST OFFICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee opened hearings on H. R. 5770, Treasury-Post Office appropriations, receiving testimony from Under Secretary of Treasury, A. L. M. Wiggins; Louis Shere, Director of Tax Research; Vernon L. Clark, National Director

of U. S. Savings Bonds Division; and Commissioner of Internal Revenue George J. Schoeneman in support of funds for fiscal year 1949 for their respective divisions of the Treasury. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UMT AND SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in executive session with Secretary of Defense Forrestal; Secretary of Army Royall; Secretary of Air Force Symington; Gen. Omar Bradley, Army Chief of Staff; Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force Chief of Staff; and Gen. Carl Spaatz, to continue its work on draft of a proposed bill providing for universal military training and the reenactment of selective service.

HOUSING AND FEDERAL RESERVE NOMINATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: In executive session, the committee voted to report favorably the Flanders amendments (these amendments, in effect, propose practically to rewrite the bill) to S. 866, to establish and carry out a national housing policy. The bill was previously reported to the Senate on April 24, 1947, but the committee reconsidered its action and held hearings on these proposed amendments to the bill.

It also approved S. 2288, to provide for sale at cost of Public Housing Administration project No. 46011, at Ordnance Park, W. Va.

The nomination of Thomas B. McCabe to be a member of the Federal Reserve Board was approved favorably.

FOREIGN-AID ADMINISTRATOR

Committee on Foreign Relations: By a vote of 13 to 0, the committee approved favorably the nomination of Paul G. Hoffman to be Administrator for Economic Cooperation; after meeting in closed session with Under Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett and Paul G. Hoffman. The Senate later confirmed it.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continuing hearings on S. 2231, to limit power of radiobroadcast stations, the committee heard the following witnesses testify in opposition to the bill; Nelson Mac-Ininch, KFI, Los Angeles; Roy R. McLain, Paloma Citrus Fruit Association, Visalia, Calif.; A. E. Isham, Mutual Orange Distributors, Los Angeles; Eugene C. Jarvis, United Date Growers Association, Coachella, Calif.; Floyd D. Young, U. S. Weather Bureau, Los Angeles; Clyde O. Hoober, California Farm Bureau Federation; H. Willis Tobler, American Farm Bureau Federation; Herschell Newsom, Indiana State Grange; Harry Stone and John McDonald, WSM, Nashville; Lt. Gov. Lawrence Wetherby, of Kentucky; Harry M. Shacter, Committee for Kentucky; Joseph Betts, Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation; and Loyd D. Barbour, Texas Farm Bureau Federation, representing WBAP, Fort Worth. Hearings continue tomorrow.

HAWAIIAN JUDGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee voted to report favorably to the full committee the nomination of Wilson C. Moore to be a judge of the Circuit Court of Hawaii.

NAVY-YARD EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 2285, relating to fixing of wage rates for navy-yard employees, with Admiral P. B. Nibecker, Chief of Office of Industrial Relations, Navy Department, testifying against the bill, and the following witnesses testifying in support: William C. Hushing, legislative director, AFL; George Q. Lynch, president, Pattern Makers League of North America; Frank Bryant, president, Washington Gun Factory Metal Trades Council; John A. McCart, president, Phila-

delphia Naval Base Metal Trades Council; and John J. Keenan, international vice president, Molders and Foundry Workers Unit. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TVA

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control heard Dr. Frank W. Parker, Division of Soils, Fertilizers, and Irrigation of the Agriculture Department, in connection with its hearings on S. 1277, to amend comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and organization of the Authority, and placing it on an equal basis with other Government agencies, discuss fertilizer operations of the Agriculture Department and of TVA. He stated that there is little duplication and disagreement between the two agencies over their work in this field; he made no recommendations as to provisions of the bill. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-nine public bills, H. R. 6144-6172; two private bills, H. R. 6173 and 6174; and seven resolutions, H. Res. 521-523, H. J. Res. 369-371, and H. Con. Res. 181, were introduced. Pages 4188, 4217

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. Res. 521, providing for consideration of H. R. 5888, amending Federal Aid Road Act of 1916 (H. Rept. 1633):

Disposal of certain executive papers (H. Rept. 1664); S. 608, patent in fee to Growing Four Times (H. Rept.

S. 714, patent in fee to Claude E. Milliken (H. Rept.

S. 1021, authorizing payment of expenses of the chairman, secretary, and clerk of Fort Peck general council (H. Rept. 1667);

S. 1468, authorizing payment of \$50 each for enrolled members of the Mescalero Tribe of Apache Indians (H. Rept. 1668);

S. 1583, conveying land to Maryland for use by the University of Maryland (H. Rept. 1669);

S. J. Res. 94, establishing Fort Sumter National Monument in the State of South Carolina (H. Rept. 1670);

H. R. 2352, sale of interests in estates of deceased Crow Tribe Indians (H. Rept. 1671);

H. R. 3633, amending Hawaiian Homes Act (H. Rept. 1672);

H. R. 3635, ratifying joint resolution of Legislature of Hawaii (H. Rept. 1673);

H. R. 3680, amending Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended (H. Rept. 1674);

H. R. 3954, approval of act of Hawaiian legislature (H. Rept. 1675);

H. R. 4091, ratifying act of Hawaiian legislature (H. Rept. 1676);

H. R. 4201, payments to school district serving Fort Peck project in Montana (H. Rept. 1677);

H. R. 4203, establishing eligibility for burial in national cemeteries (H. Rept. 1678);

H. R. 4512, conveying lands to State of Oklahoma for use of Northeastern Teachers College (H. Rept. 1679);

H. R. 4551, to add surplus lands to Cape Hatteras national seashore recreational project (H. Rept. 1680);

H. R. 4642, regarding tribal funds of Navajo Indians (H. Rept. 1681);

H. R. 4722, to establish national cemeteries at Fort Devens, Mass.; Fort Logan, Colo.; and Fort Lewis, Wash. (H. Rept. 1682);

H. R. 4966, sale and leasing of houses, apartments, and lands, Boulder City, Nev. (H. Rept. 1683);

H. R. 5155, authorizing joint survey by Public Roads Administration and National Park Service of the C. & O. Canal (H. Rept. 1684);

H. R. 5173, amending Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (H. Rept. 1685);

H. R. 5175, issuance of Hawaiian public improvement bonds (H. Rept. 1686);

H. R. 5244, credits in connection with homestead interests of certain World War II veterans (H. Rept. 1687):

H. R. 5262, sale of Indian lands (H. Rept. 1688);

H. R. 5609, authorizing survey of Mississippi River Parkway (H. Rept. 1689);

H. R. 5651, conveying lands in South Dakota for municipal or public purposes (H. Rept. 1690);

H. R. 5669, adjustment of irrigation charges of Flathead Indian irrigation project (H. Rept. 1691);

H. R. 5763, authorizing sale of lands to the Southwest-

ern Indian Mission, Inc. (H. Rept. 1692);

H. R. 5816, amending the act providing for the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park (H. Rept. 1693);

H. R. 5822, with reference to the Saratoga National Historical Park in New York (H. Rept. 1694); and

Conference report on H. R. 5214, independent offices appropriation bill (H. Rept. 1695).

Pages 4188, 4216-4217

Bills Referred: Two Senate-passed bills, passed on April 6, were referred to appropriate committees.

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Agricultural Price Spread: Tabled H. Res. 511, requesting the Secretary of Agriculture to report the nature and extent of research activities relating to the price spread between the producer and consumer of agricultural products, the possibility of expediting such activities, and the findings and conclusions of such activities.

Pages 4184-4187

Presidential Message: Received a message from the President relative to an agreement between the United States and the United Nations concerning a loan of \$65 million, without interest, for financing the construction of the permanent headquarters of the United Nations in the United States. Referred to Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed as House Document No. 5950.

Pages 4187-4188

Hoof-and-Mouth Disease: Considered H. R. 5098, to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct research on hoof-and-mouth disease and other diseases of animals, and started reading the measure for amendments.

Before postponing further action on amendments until tomorrow, an amendment, offered by Mr. Macy, designed to prevent erection of a research laboratory on Long Island, was pending before the membership. Disposition of this amendment will be the first order of business when the House resumes its consideration of H. R. 5098.

H. Res. 491, providing for consideration of H. R. 5098, was previously adopted by the House. Pages 4193-4205

Death of Hon. Orville Zimmerman: Agreed to H. Res. 523, a resolution calling for immediate adjournment of the House and suitable expressions of condolence to be extended as a mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Orville Zimmerman, Tenth Congressional District of Missouri, who passed away on April 7.

Pursuant to this resolution, the Speaker appointed Representatives Cannon, Bell, Short, and Banta as members of the funeral committee on the part of the House.

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Committee Meetings

AIR FORCE—FILTRATION PLANT

Committee on Armed Services: Met in executive session and agreed to report favorably to the House H. R. 2359, as amended, to provide a water-filtration plant at West Point, and H. R. 6039, authorizing appointment in Regular Army and Air Force of one officer in the grade of general.

The committee also adopted a resolution proposed by Air Matériel Subcommittee calling for a budget sufficiently large to implement the so-called 70-group Air Force program.

HOUSING-SUGAR-COINS

Committee on Banking and Currency: In open hearings on H. R. 4529, relating to the disposal of permanent housing acquired or constructed by the U. S. Government, the following Members of Congress appeared in behalf of the legislation: Representatives Miller of Connecticut (sponsor); Hale and Smith, of Maine; and Johnson of California. No opposition was offered to the bill.

An executive session was held for consideration of H. R. 5174 and H. R. 5187, authorizing CCC to make adjustment payments to certain producers of raw cane sugar in Puerto Rico and Hawaii, and H. R. 3109 and H. J. Res. 333, concerning commemorative coins, and all were reported to the House without amendment.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Ordered reported favorably to the House S. 2277, to amend the Surplus Property Act of 1944 so as to dispose of surplus real property to States, political subdivisions, and municipalities for public parks, etc.

CONTESTED ELECTION

Committee on House Administration: The Subcommittee on Elections concluded hearings on the contested-election case, Wilson against Granger, First Congressional District of Utah, hearing arguments and receiving final summations of the legal representatives of both parties.

FUR LABELING

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continued to hear opposition witnesses to the bill, H. R. 3734, to protect fur handlers from improper identification of fur products and articles made from fur, and received testimony of representatives of the fur industry, all of

which are located in New York City, as follows: Joseph L. Stein, counsel, Fur Dressers & Fur Dyers Association, Inc.; Max M. Albach, counsel, A. Hollander & Son; Louis M. Weber, attorney, Fur Wholesalers Association of America, Inc.; Manfred H. Benedek, counsel, Associated Fur Coat & Trimming Manufacturers, Inc.; Charles Gold, general counsel, Retail Manufacturing Furriers of America, Inc.; and Max Edelman, attorney, North American Fur Auctions Association, Inc. This concluded hearings on this legislation.

A statement was also received by Representative Murray of Wisconsin favoring the bill.

CLAIMS—COPYRIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Claims agreed to report nine private bills favorably to the full committee, and one adversely.

Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights, after reconsideration, again agreed to report adversely to the full committee H. R. 5014, to amend the copyright laws (motion-picture films), but ordered H. R. 1269, to amend the copyright laws (juke boxes), and H. R. 2860, as amended, to provide protection by registration of certain textile designs, to be favorably reported.

MERCHANT MARINE

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Resumed consideration of the status of the American Merchant Marine as affected by the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 and the Ship Sales Act of 1946, with the following representatives of the shipping industry being heard: John J. O'Connor, representing the Isbrandtsen Steamship Co.; George W. Morgan, president, Association of American Ship Owners, Inc.; Wilbur Dow, representing American Tramp Shippers Institute; Charles Dunaif, president, Polaris Steamship Co.; and William J. Rountree, president, William J. Rountree, president, William J. Rountree Co., Inc. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PUBLIC-LAND BILLS

Committee on Public Lands: Further considered subcommittee bills and ordered the following reported favorably to the House, each with amendment:

H. R. 5839, to convey to States roads leading to historical areas;

H. R. 5666, admission of Alaska to the Union (forty-ninth State);

H. R. 3785, sale of lands in Minnesota for fish propaga-

H. R. 5904, to incorporate the Virgin Islands Corporation; and

H. R. 3378, relating to completion of Everglades National Park, Fla., was ordered recommitted to the Subcommittee on Public Lands.

Consideration of subcommittee bills will be continued tomorrow.

FLOOD CONTROL

Committee on Public Works: Lt. Col. H. C. Gee, Army Corps of Engineers, presented the Army's report on the project proposed at Redstone Creek, Pa., to be included in the omnibus bill which is being prepared by the Subcommittee on Flood Control. Representative Crow, of Pennsylvania, also offered a statement relative to this project.

INQUIRY RESOLUTION

Committee on Un-American Activities: Unanimously approved a resolution of inquiry, to be introduced today, directing the Secretary of Commerce to transmit forthwith to the House of Representatives the full text of a letter dated May 15, 1947, written by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and addressed to W. Averell Harriman, Secretary of Commerce, relating to Dr. Edward U. Condon, Director of the National Bureau of Standards.

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to which this resolution will be referred, was requested to take favorable action at an early date on this resolution.

DISABLED VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Continued consideration, in executive session, of bills reported by subcommittees and ordered H. R. 5588, as amended, a bill to provide increases of compensation for certain veterans of World Wars I and II with service-connected disabilities who have dependents, to be favorably reported to the House.

RACING SHELLS

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session and ordered H. R. 5933, temporary suspension of import duty on racing shells, reported favorably to the House.

Joint Committee Meetings

INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees on H. R. 5214, independent offices appropriations, reached agreement to file conference report. As agreed upon by the conferees, the bill would appropriate \$967,442,551. As the bill passed the House, it proposed \$991,518,551; as it passed the Senate, it proposed \$967,705,551. This is an amount of \$24,076,000 under the House-approved figure, and \$263,000 under that of the Senate.

BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Law

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D235)

H. R. 4938, to provide dutiable status for platinum fox furs. Signed April 5, 1948 (P. L. 475).

Thursday, April 8, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses cleared Independent Offices Appropriation bill for the White House.

Senate passed Remount Service bill and began consideration of atomic-energy loyalty-test measure.

House passed hoof-and-mouth-disease research bill.

House committee announced hearings on Selective Service to begin April 12.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 4218-4221

Bills Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2470 to S. 2476; and S. J. Res. 207.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1537, omnibus pay-increase bill for Government employees, with amendment (S. Rept. 1113);

S. 866, to establish and carry out a national housing policy (pt. II of S. Rept. 140).

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Presidential Message: Received message from President recommending increase of lending authority of Export-Import Bank by \$500 million.

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International Labor Conference: President transmitted to the Senate the texts of three conventions and two recommendations formulated at International Labor Conference in Montreal September 19 to October 9, 1946. They were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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Independent Offices Appropriation: Conference report on H. R. 5214, independent offices appropriation, was adopted, thus clearing the bill for the President's signature.

Pages 4238-4239

Remount Service: The Senate passed, by voice vote, with several perfecting committee amendments, H. R. 3484, to transfer Remount Service from Department of Army to the Department of Agriculture, after rejecting by 23 yeas to 44 nays a motion by Senator Thomas of Oklahoma to refer the bill to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. (The Armed Services Committee had reported the bill but Senator Thomas wanted it sent to the Agriculture and Forestry Committee for further study.) Before passing the measure, the Thomas amendment to divide land in Reno Quartermaster Depot, Okla., between Department of Justice for reformatory and Department of Agriculture for sale to veterans was also rejected 15 yeas to 43 nays.

Pages 4221-4238, 4243-4247

Atomic Energy: Consideration was given to S. 1004, atomic-energy loyalty-test bill, and two perfecting committee amendments were adopted by voice vote. Senator Knowland offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute to the bill, authorizing the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy to direct that the FBI investigate Presidential appointments to the Atomic Energy Commission, and report results thereof to that joint committee. Senator McMahon offered an amendment to the substitute which would except present members of the AEC from FBI investigation in event of their renomination. These amendments were left the unfinished business.

Public Housing: Permission was granted the Banking and Currency Committee to file report during week-end recess on S. 2288, to provide for sale at cost of Public Housing Administration project No. 46011 at Ordnance Park, W. Va.

Nominations: Received 6 civilian and 87 Navy nominations; I postmaster nomination was withdrawn.

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Committee Meetings

TREASURY-POST OFFICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee resumed hearings on H. R. 5770, Treasury-Post Office appropriations, receiving testimony on various matters relating to Internal Revenue from Under Secretary of Treasury, A. L. M. Wiggins, and Commissioner of Internal Revenue George J. Schoeneman, together with his immediate assistants. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FIRST DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriations, receiving testimony from Senator McCarran on funds for Boulder Dam City school, officials of the U. S. Maritime Commission on Maritime Commission generally, employees of the Department of Justice on fees for witnesses, employees of the National Mediation Board on funds for emergency boards, and officials of the Depart-

ment of Commerce on voluntary agreements on export control, along with other items. Hearings continue tomorrow.

LEGISLATIVE REORGANIZATION

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Committee met in executive session to consider proposed changes to the Legislative Reorganization Act; Senator Wiley attended to discuss means of relieving the Judiciary Committee of the burden of private claims and private immigration bills. No legislative action was taken.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Hearings were continued before the committee on S. 2231, to limit power of radio-broadcast stations, with the following witnesses testifying against the bill: Victor A. Sholis, WHAS, Louisville; Frank P. Schreiber and Harold Totten, WGN, Chicago; Marshall Wells, WJR, Detroit; Hugh A. L. Halff, WOAI, San Antonio; J. B. Kidd, rancher; Bill Shomette, WOAI, San Antonio; J. C. Gully, representing Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association; Ralph Hardy, C. Richard Evans, and Ernest Wilkinson, all of KSL, Salt Lake City, Thomas N. Dowd, KOB, Albuquerque, also appeared.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

HEART DISEASES

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Health opened hearings on S. 2215, to provide for research and control relating to diseases of the heart and circulation, and heard the following witnesses present their views on the proposed legislation: Senators Bridges and Pepper; Representative Javits; Oscar R. Ewing, FSA, Administrator; Dr. Charles A. R. Connor, Dr. T. Duckett Jones, Dr. David Rutstein, and Dr. Arlie R. Barnes, all of American Heart Association; Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service; and Dr. Frank E. Adair, New York. Hearings continue tomorrow.

NAVY-YARD EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Continuing hearings on S. 2285, relating to fixing of wage rates for navy-yard employees, subcommittee heard the following witnesses testify in support of the legislation: Harry See, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; Orrin A. Burrows, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Thomas G. Walters, Government Employes Council AFL; Frank E. Condon, Metal Trades Council; Martin P. Durkin, United Association of Journeymen Plumbers and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe-Fitting Industry of the U.S. and Canada, who read a statement which was to be submitted by John F. Regan; Col. Charles I. Stengle, American Federation of Government Employees; Foster J. Pratt, International Federation of Technical Engineers, Architects, and Draftsmen's Union, AFL; Theodore R. Edmiston, International Association of Machinists; John F. Sullender, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Henry B. Rinick, Pattern Makers' Association of Washington; Alvin L. Plummer, International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers, and Helpers; William R. Clark, Ordnancemen Local 16000 of Washington; and Jacob O. Strine, National Association of Quartermen and Leadingmen of Naval Shore Establishments.

Also testifying was Luther C. Steward, National Federation of Federal Employees. Hearings continue April 12.

TVA

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control heard Walter Randolph, president, Alabama Farm Bureau Federation, and M. A. Hubbard, executive secretary, Virginia Farm Bureau, in connection with its hearings on S. 1277, to amend comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and organization of the Authority, and placing it on an equal basis with other Government agencies. Mr. Randolph discussed the effect of proposed legislation on test-demonstration farm program and related agricultural activities of TVA; Mr. Hubbard urged that no action be taken that would lessen the effectiveness of the existing TVA Extension Service Test Demonstration Program.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Six public bills, H. R. 6175–6180; six private bills, H. R. 6181–6186; and two resolutions, H. Res. 524 and 525, were introduced. Pages 4264, 4276

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Conference report on H. R. 1799, a private bill (H. Rept. 1696);

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S. 2277, providing for disposition of surplus real property to States, political subdivisions, and municipalities for use as public parks, etc. (H. Rept. 1697);

S. 329, a private bill (H. Rept. 1698);

H. R. 5904, incorporating the Virgin Islands Corporation (H. Rept. 1699);

S. 560, prohibiting operation of gambling ships (H. Rept. 1700);

S. 1696, extension of jurisdiction of Hawaiian District Court to Canton and Enderbury Islands (H. Rept. 1701);

H. R. 1562, increasing amount of Federal aid to State and Territorial homes for support of disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States (H. Rept. 1702);

H. R. 5040, imposing a time limitation on filing of claims against United States on informal contracts under section 17 of Contract Settlement Act of 1944 (H. Rept. 1703); and

H. R. 2359, providing for construction of waterfiltration plant at West Point, N. Y. (H. Rept. 1704).

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Change of Conferee: Representative Case of New Jersey was appointed to serve as a conferee on H. R. 2389, a private bill. The vacancy was caused by the death of Representative Springer.

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Independent Offices Appropriation: Adopted the conference report on H. R. 5214, providing funds for the Executive Office and sundry independent offices for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949. Pages 4255-4256

Hoof-and-Mouth Disease: Continued consideration of H. R. 5098, to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct research on hoof-and-mouth disease and other diseases of animals. Agreed to Macy amendment which bars erection of a research laboratory on Long Island. The language of H. R. 5098 was inserted as an amendment to S. 2038, a companion bill, which was then passed by the House in lieu of H. R. 5098, which was tabled.

Pages 4256-4264

Subpena: Adopted H. Res. 524, permitting compliance with subpena, served on Member, to appear as witness in the D. C. Federal District Court. Page 4264

Presidential Message: Received a message from the President enclosing texts of three conventions and two recommendations formulated at the twenty-ninth session of the International Labor Conference.

Pages 4264-4265

Federal Aid Highways: Adopted H. Res. 521, providing 3 hours of general debate and the reading for amendment of H. R. 5888, amending Federal Aid Road Act of 1916, under the 5-minute rule.

Pages 4265-4272

Special Orders: Under special orders, Mr. Edwin Arthur Hall addressed the House on the subject of flood control and the Susquehanna River in the Endicott, Vestal, and Johnson City area of New York.

Pages 4272-4275

Committee Meetings

HOSPITALS—CIVIL AVIATION

Committee on the Armed Services: The Subcommittee on Hospitalization, in its consideration of H. R. 1811, providing dispensary treatment and hospitalization in

Army and Navy hospitals for retired enlisted men of the armed services, heard the following witnesses but took no action on the bill: Representative Boggs of Louisiana; Col. D. C. Tredennick, General Staff Corps of the Army; Lt. Col. M. B. Johnston and Capt. F. P. Gilmore, Marine Corps; Lt. Col. M. L. Vaughn, Quartermaster Corps, Army; Commander David L. Martineau, Navy; Capt. Horace Wood, U. S. Coast Guard; Charles E. Lofgren of the Fleet Reserve Association; and John H. Hoeppel of California.

Rear Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter and Walter Forzheimer, both of the CIA, testified before the Organization Subcommittee on H. R. 5871, to provide for the administration of the Central Intelligence Agency; and Maj. Gen. L. B. Beau was heard before this same subcommittee on H. R. 5298, establishing the Civil Air Patrol as a civilian auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force.

VIERS MILL PROJECT

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The following witnesses testified before the Snyder subcommittee in its hearing on the Viers Mill housing project, Montgomery County, Md.: Eugene A. Grady, housing director, VFW Treasury Post; James A. Hewitt, FHA Loans Guarantee Office, Washington area; Benjamin C. Stein, resident inspector, Viers Mill project; Brooke Johns, president, board of county commissioners, Irving McNayr, county supervisor, Richard Carpenter, assistant superintendent of schools, all of Montgomery County, Md.; and J. Bond Smith, general counsel, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE EXPENSES—PRINTING

Committee on House Administration: In an executive session, the reports from subcommittees were considered. It was agreed at this meeting to report the following resolutions to the House:

H. Con. Res. 154, to authorize reprinting of 15,000 copies of the report entitled "The Strategy and Tactics of World Communism";

S. Con. Res. 18, to authorize printing of proceedings at unveiling of William E. Borah's statue—1,250 copies for the use of the Senate; 3,750 for the House, and 900 for the Idaho congressional delegation;

A concurrent resolution, to be introduced as a substitute for H. Res. 519, to print the factual analysis on housing entitled "Housing in America" as a House document, and 15,000 additional copies for the use of the Joint Committee on Housing; and

Five simple resolutions providing funds for certain studies by House Committees:

H. Res. 330, appropriating \$25,000 to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service;

H. Res. 481, appropriating \$5,000 for expenses incurred by the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments;

H. Res. 508, appropriating \$40,000 for expenses incurred by the Special Committee To Investigate the Election of Members of Congress;

H. Res. 517, appropriating \$50,000 for expenses incurred by the Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda, for necessary investigations and studies;

A simple resolution, to be introduced as a substitute for H. Con. Res. 113, to provide for the printing of proceedings held in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the telegraph, May 24, 1944; and

H. Res. 518, appropriating \$50,000 to the Committee on Education and Labor.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: In public hearings to consider H. R. 5644 and 5678, two bills proposing to assist the States in the development and maintenance of local public-health units, the following proponent witnesses testified: Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, Surgeon General, and Dr. Joseph Mountin, Assistant Surgeon General and Associate Director, Bureau of State Services, both of the U.S. Public Health Service, FSA; Mrs. L. W. Hughes, president, National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Chicago, Ill.; James Watt, Christian Science Committee on Publication, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Vlado A. Getting, president, Association of State and Territorial Health Officers, Boston, Mass.; Dr. Haven Emerson, chairman, subcommittee on local health units, American Public Health, New York City; and Lloyd C. Halvorson, economist, National Grange, Washington, D. C. Another witness, H. B. Anderson, secretary-treasurer, Citizens Medical Reference Bureau, Inc., New York City, appeared in opposition.

GAMBLING—COURTS—CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee received reports of bills from subcommittees and ordered the following bills favorably reported to the House: S. 560, to prohibit the operation of gambling ships, etc.; S. 1696, to extend jurisdiction of the U. S. District Court, Territory of Hawaii, over Canton and Enderbury Islands; H. R. 5040, providing that claims under section 17 of the Contract Settlement Act must be filed within 6 months after enactment of this bill; 9 private claims bills, and 1 Senate private immigration bill.

MERCHANT MARINE

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan, in an eight-page statement given before this committee in its survey of the status of the American Merchant Marine relative to the world situation presently facing this country, declared that the views he expressed were not those of the Navy Department alone, but represented the combined thinking and concurrence of the National Military Establishment with the approval of the President. He declared that those responsible for the administration of our "readiness program" are conscious of the necessity of scrutinizing closely the present condition

of our merchant marine in order to determine what its shortcomings may be from the standpoint of national security; and of ascertaining how these shortcomings can adequately be met in a manner consonant with the other phases of the defense program. Adjourned until April 14 to resume same subject.

FEDERAL PAY RAISE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Considered the Federal pay-raise bill in an executive meeting but took no final action on the proposed legislation.

PETROLEUM—TERRITORIES

Committee on Public Lands: The Subcommittee on Mines and Mining received testimony in behalf of H. R. 5153, providing for the establishment and operation of an experiment station in the Appalachian region for research on the production, refining, transportation, and use of petroleum and natural gas, from Representative Gavin, of Pennsylvania, Representative Griffith, of Ohio, and Joseph E. Keller, attorney for Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association, Washington, D. C. This bill was ordered favorably reported to the full committee.

Irwin W. Silverman, of the Department of the Interior, testified in favor of H. R. 6091, to withdraw certain lands from Hawaiian Homes Commission jurisdiction, which bill was approved for the full committee. A general discussion was held on H. R. 5876, amending the Organic Act of Puerto Rico, relative to the importation and exportation of articles of merchandise between Puerto Rico and the United States, with no action being taken on it.

RIVERS AND HARBORS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors ordered the Tillamook Bay and Umpqua Harbor and River projects in Oregon, and the Pillar Point, Half Moon Bay, Calif., project to be included in the omnibus river and harbor bill for approval by the full committee. Representatives Norblad and Ellsworth spoke in behalf of the Oregon projects. Col. Wayne S. Moore, Corps of Engineers, presented the Army's views on all three.

The Subcommittee on Flood Control in its preparation of an omnibus bill for the full committee adopted four new projects to be included in the measure: Gila River project in the vicinity of Tucson, Ariz., on which Representative Murdock, of Arizona, testified; Arkansas River project in the vicinity of Carthage and Monett, Mo.; on which Representative Short testified; Santa Clara River, Calif., and the Redstone River, Pa., projects. Lt. Col. H. C. Gee, Corps of Engineers, gave the Army's report on these four projects.

VA BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: R. E. Miles, G. J. Aitken, and Harry H. Graef, officials of the Bureau of the Budget, along with Samuel Moore, budget officer, Veterans' Administration, appeared before this group

in a general discussion of the budget program for future activities of the Veterans' Administration.

REVENUE

Committee on Ways and Means: Considered, but took no action, on H. R. 5996, disposition of internal revenue collections on articles produced in the Virgin Islands.

Joint Committee Meetings

INTERNAL REVENUE

Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation: Met in executive session and later announced that the report

of the investigation of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, authorized by Public Law 147 of the Eightieth Congress, had been completed and sent to the Secretary of Treasury for comment. The report, including the comment of the Secretary of Treasury, will be made public at a later date.

BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Law

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D239)

H. R. 3229, exempting Hawaii and Alaska from cargo-manifest laws. Signed April 7, 1948 (P. L. 476).

Monday, April 12, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed atomic-energy bill, and 71 unobjected-to bills on call of calendar.

House passed Federal-aid highway bill.

Educational compact, together with various other bills, approved by Senate Judiciary Committee.

House committee opened hearings on selective-service legislation.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 4276-4285

Bills Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2477 to S. 2487, S. J. Res. 208, and S. Con. Res. 49 and 50.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2288, to provide for sale at cost of Public Housing Administration project No. 46011, at Ordnance Park, W. Va., with amendments (S. Rept. 1114);

S. J. Res. 207, to provide for commemoration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of establishment of Navy Department (S. Rept. 1115);

S. 1052, to fix salaries of certain judges in Hawaii

(S. Rept. 1116);

Private bills: S. 1281, H. R. 334 and 4399, S. 1206, with amendment, H. R. 3550, with amendment, H. R. 344, 1747, 2399, and 4571 (S. Repts. 1117 through 1125).

Pages 4277, 4278-4279

Calendar Bills Passed: On call of the calendar, 71 unobjected-to bills, of which 48 were private, were passed as follows:

Without amendment and cleared for the President: Learners' permits: H. R. 4572, to amend the D. C. Traffic Act to provide for learners' permits; Public health: H. R. 4636, to regulate the practice of the healing art to protect the public health in D. C.;

Alcoholic beverage: H. R. 4649, to provide that compensation of members of ABC Board of D. C. be fixed in accordance with Classification Act of 1923;

Marine chapel: H. R. 3569, chapel and library for Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N. Y.;

National parks: H. R. 2645, appointment of U. S.

commissioners for national parks; and

Private bills: 28 private bills: H. R. 3387, 3300, 927, 2213, 2633, 1927, 420, 421, 2557, 2250, 2303, 560, 2425, 358, 387, 2427, 1859, 3968, 3039, 3849, 4403, 3263, 1912, 899, 388, 990, 5387 (S. 2131 companion bill was postponed indefinitely), and 4118.

With amendment, to be sent back to House:

Radiotelegraph: H. R. 1036, to license radiotelegraph operators on merchant vessels;

Copyrights: H. R. 4931, to amend title 17 of the U. S. Code entitled "Copyrights," to increase fee;

Bankruptcy: H. R. 4326, to extend the privilege of filing a petition under the farmer-debtor provisions of

the Bankruptcy Act;

National parks: H. R. 3703, authorizing transfer of surplus property to Department of Interior for consolidation of Federal holdings within areas administered by the National Park Service; and

Private bill: One private bill: H. R. 1498.

Without amendment and cleared for House:

Credit union: S. 2225, to transfer administration of the Federal Credit Union Act to FSA;

Civil service: S. 2325, relative to officers or employees of Government recovering contributions to civil-service retirement annuities;

D. C. revenue: S. 2409, to amend the D. C. Revenue Act to exempt certain business transactions from franchise tax:

Navigational aids: S. 1853, authorizing the Coast Guard to maintain aids to navigation;

National forests: S. 2240, to extend the boundaries of the Uinta and Wasatch National Forests in Utah;

Potato and tomato: S. 2137, to provide for protection of potato and tomato production from the golden nematode;

Star route: S. J. Res. 198, to authorize the Postmaster General to withhold the awarding of star-route contracts for a period of 60 days;

Navy Department: S. J. Res. 207, to provide for the commemoration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of establishment of Navy Department; and

Private bills: 12 private bills: S. 1886, 193, 1483, 1332, 283, 996, 253, 1365, 1667, 1656, 1712, and 1692.

With amendment and cleared for House:

Pan American: S. J. Res. 177, providing for U. S. participation in the Pan American Railway Congress;

Ocean stations: S. 2122, to authorize the Coast Guard to operate and maintain ocean stations;

National cemeteries: S. 1856, utilization as national cemeteries of certain surplus Army Department-owned military real property;

Grazing permits: S. 1874, compensation for holders of grazing permits and licenses for losses sustained by reason of such use of public lands for national defense purposes;

Meat inspection: S. 2256, relating to the meat-inspection service of the Department of Agriculture;

Public housing: S. 2288, to provide for sale at cost of Public Housing Administration project No. 46011, at Ordnance Park, W. Va.; and

Private bills: 7 private bills: S. 1745, 1729, 1637, 1256, 252, 825, and 314.

Atomic Energy: Senate passed S. 1004, atomic-energy loyalty-test bill, authorizing the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy to direct FBI investigation of Presidential appointments to the AEC and report results thereof to the joint committee, after adopting Senator Knowland's substitute amendment to the bill. An amendment by Senator McMahon, to the substitute, to except present members of the AEC from FBI investigation in event of renomination, was rejected.

Pages 4301-4311

Reclamation: Began consideration of S. 299, to extend reclamation laws to the State of Arkansas.

Pages 4311-4312, 4319

Confirmation: The nomination of Thomas Bayard McCabe, Pennsylvania, to be a member of the Federal Reserve Board, was confirmed.

Pages 4319-4321, 4322

Nominations: Three civilian nominations, including those of Herschel V. Johnson, North Carolina, to be Ambassador to Brazil, and of John M. Houston, Kansas, to be a member of the NLRB, along with 45 Army nominations, were received.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Secretary of Agriculture Anderson gave a detailed discussion of S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program, supporting the objectives of this proposed legislation, but recommending that various changes be made in its present form. Hearings continue tomorrow.

POST OFFICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee began hearings on 1949 estimates for the Post Office Department in connection with its hearings on H. R. 5770, Treasury-Post Office appropriations, receiving testimony from Postmaster General Donaldson in support of funds for the Department. Representatives of the First and Second Assistant Postmasters General appeared in behalf of funds for their respective bureaus. Hearings continue tomorrow.

On April 9 the subcommittee concluded hearings on funds for the Treasury Department, after receiving further testimony from Under Secretary of Treasury Wiggins on funds for the Office of General Counsel, and the following witnesses on funds for their respective agencies: Commissioner of Internal Revenue Schoeneman and his associates, C. R. Long, Assistant Director, for Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and Assistant Director Harry M. Kurth and assistants, Bureau of Federal Supply. Representatives of typewriter manufacturers testified on the House-approved provision relative to procurement of typewriters.

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on April 9, continuing hearings on H. R. 6055, First Deficiency Appropriation Bill, received testimony on deficiency funds for the Interior and Post Office Departments, with Senators Millikin, Johnson, and Dworshak discussing funds for particular reclamation projects. Officials of the various Bureaus of the Interior Department testified on funds for Bonneville Power Administration, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Mines, and the National Park Service. Officials of the Post Office Department discussed generally funds for various functions of that Department, including particularly air mail. Subcommittee continues tomorrow.

UMT AND SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: The committee met in executive session with Secretary of Army Royall and Gen. Omar Bradley, Army Chief of Staff, together with other Army officials to continue its work on the draft of a proposed bill providing for UMT and reenactment of selective service.

On Friday, April 9, the committee worked on the same bill in executive session with Secretary of Defense Forrestal, Secretary of Navy Sullivan, Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, Chief of Naval Operations, Gen. C. B. Cates, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and other officers of the Navy Department.

UN AND PEACE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in executive session on April 9 to consider matters pending before the committee and to hear Senators Flanders and Capehart discuss their resolution (S. Con. Res. 47), which requests the President to instruct our representative at the UN to seek a special meeting of the General Assembly to consider actions taken by the U. S. and the so-called Western Nations on the one hand, and Russia and the governments of its so-called satellites on the other as they affect world peace and the principles of the Charter of the UN.

FUR

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee opened hearings on S. 1388, to protect fur handlers against improper identification of fur products and articles made from fur, receiving testimony in support of the legislation from Joseph H. Francis, National Board of Fur Farm Organizations; Harvey H. Hannah, Division of Wool Act Administration, Federal Trade Commission; and Mr. Thompson, Delivery and Appraisement Division, Bureau of Customs. Sidney Friedman, Afghan-American Trading Co., New York, appeared in opposition to the bill.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continuing hearings on S. 2231, to limit power of radio-broadcast stations, committee heard testimony in support of the bill from Commander T. A. M. Craven, Cowles Broadcasting Co., Washington; Edwin B. Craney, KXLF, Butte, Mont.; Bert Georges, WHEB, Portsmouth, N. H.; and Frank Katzentine, WKAT, Miami.

On April 9 the following witnesses appeared in opposition to the measure: Raymond Guy, NBC, New York; Dr. Frank G. Kear, ABC, New York; Jay W. Wright, CBS, New York; and Earl M. Johnson, MBS, New York. Hearings continue tomorrow.

EDUCATIONAL COMPACT, HAWAII, AND PRIVATE CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session it approved for reporting S. 1052, to fix salaries of certain

judges in Hawaii; S. J. Res. 191, giving consent of Congress to Compact on Regional Education entered into between the Southern States at Tallahassee on February 8, 1948, with amendment; S. J. Res. 206, to authorize compact over boundaries between Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota; and nine private claims bills: with amendment, S. 1206 and H. R. 3550, and H. R. 334, 344, 1747, 2399, 4399, 4571, and S. 1281.

The nomination of Brian S. Odem, to be U. S. attorney

in Texas, was approved favorably.

LONGSHOREMEN AND HARBOR WORKERS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee opened hearings on S. 2237, to increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, with Senator Ives testifying in support of the measure. William McCauley, Bureau of Employees' Compensation; William L. Connolly, Division of Labor Standards; and Joseph McGarraghy, Washington Board of Trade, appeared to present their views on the proposed legislation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

HEART DISEASES

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Health concluded hearings on April 9 on S. 2215, to provide for research and control relating to diseases of the heart and circulation, after receiving testimony from Maurice Goldblatt, Chicago; Gen. William Donovan, New York; and Emerson Foote, National Heart Committee, New York, presenting their views on the proposed legislation.

SCIENCE BILL AND LABOR COURSES

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee met in executive session on April 9, to discuss S. 2385, national science foundation bill, and S. 1390, Labor Department extension courses.

NAVY-YARD EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Hearings were concluded on S. 2285, relative to wage rates for navy-yard employees, after the following witnesses appeared and outlined the procedure for fixing of wage rates of such employees: Charles Piozet, Frank W. Dyer, and Rear Adm. Paul Nibecker, all of the Office of Industrial Relations of the Navy Department; and Harry E. McClain, Area Wage and Classification Chief, Philadelphia office of the Navy Department.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTHOUSE

Committee on Public Works: The enactment of S. 2284, construction of courthouse for the Court of Appeals and District Court in D. C., was urged by Bolitha Laws, chief justice, U. S. District Court for D. C.; Harold M. Stephens, chief justice for the U. S. Court of Appeals for D. C.; and Meade Keller, Solicitor of the PBA of the FWA.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-eight public bills, H. R. 6187-6214; eleven private bills, H. R. 6215-6225; and seven resolutions, H. Res. 526-529, H. J. Res. 372, and H. Con. Res. 182 and 183, were introduced.

Pages 4331, 4347, 4365-4366

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Supplementary report, part II, to H. R. 5904, incorporating the Virgin Islands Corporation (H. Rept. 1699);

S. 1304, authorizing the coinage of 50-cent pieces commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of Minnesota as a Territory of the United States (H. Rept. 1714);

H. R. 5174, authorizing Commodity Credit Corporation to make adjustment payments to certain producers of raw cane sugar in Puerto Rico and Hawaii (H. Rept. 1715);

H. R. 5434, authorizing the Attorney General of the United States to recognize and to award to outstanding, courageous, young Americans a medal for heroism, known as the Young American Medal for Bravery (H. Rept. 1716);

H. R. 5588, providing increases of compensation for certain veterans of World War I and World II, with service-connected disabilities who have dependents (H. Rept. 1717);

H. R. 5933, providing for temporary free importation

of racing shells (H. Rept. 1718);

H. J. Res. 329, providing for the issuance of a special postage stamp in honor of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians in Oklahoma (H. Rept. 1719);

H. J. Res. 333, authorizing the coinage of 50-cent pieces commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the termination of the war with Spain (H. Rept. 1720);

Private bills: S. 936; and H. R. 851, 2064, 2732, 3006, 3965, 3983, and 4381 (H. Repts. 1721-1728, respectively).

Firewood: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 5328, permitting free entry of sawdust, bark, and other wood waste when ground or compresed for use as firewood. Page 4329

X-Ray Film: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 4739, permitting free entry of exposed X-ray film.

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Printing Authorizations: Adopted the following resolutions:

H. Con. Res. 154 (H. Rept. 1705), authorizing the printing as a House document, also the printing of 15,000 additional copies of the report entitled "The Strategy and Tactics of World Communism."

S. Con. Res. 18 (H. Rept. 1711), providing for the printing of proceedings at the unveiling of the statue of

H. Res. 526 (H. Rept. 1712), authorizing the printing of proceedings at the unveiling of the plaque commemorating the centennial of the telegraph as a House document, also 5,000 additional copies.

H. Con. Res. 182 (H. Rept. 1713), authorizing the printing as a House document, also the printing of 15,000 additional copies of the factual analysis on housing entitled "Housing in America."

Committee Expenses: Adopted the following resolutions:

H. Res. 330 (H. Rept. 1706), providing \$25,000 for the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

H. Res. 481 (H. Rept. 1707), providing \$5,000 for the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments.

H. Res. 508 (H. Rept. 1708), authorizing \$40,000 to defray expenses of special committee created by H. Res. 461.

H. Res. 517 (H. Rept. 1709), providing \$50,000 for the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments.

H. Res. 518 (H. Rept. 1710), providing \$50,000 for the Committee on Education and Labor.

Presidential Messages: Received three veto messages from the President which accompanied H. R. 3061, H. R. 1586, and H. R. 2347, three private bills, which the President returned without his approval.

Also received a message from the President recommending that Congress increase the lending authority of the Export-Import Bank by \$500 million, which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency and ordered to be printed as House Document No. 606.

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Federal-Aid Highways: Passed, by 278 yeas to 6 nays, H. R. 5888, Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1948, which provides \$500 million a year for fiscal years 1950, 1951, and 1952, to be matched by participating States.

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Subpenas: Adopted H. Res. 527 and 528, permitting compliance with subpenas, served on Members, to appear as witnesses in the D. C. Federal District Court.

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Remount Service: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 3484, transferring Remount Service from Department of Army to the Department of Agriculture, thus clearing the bill for the President.

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Special Orders: Under special orders the following members addressed the House: Mr. Stockman on the subject of prompt development of low-cost hydro-power facilities of the Pacific Northwest necessary for national security and industrial progress; Mr. Javits on the subject of the Palestine partition; and Mr. Eberharter on "Chiseling and Social Security."

Committee Meetings

CO-OPS

Committee on Agriculture: On April 9, the committee print of the bill providing for the retirement of Government capital in the farmers' cooperative banks was considered, with testimony being received from Charles T. O'Neill, vice president, National Bank & Trust Co., Charlottesville, Va.; J. Parker, banker, Vermont; and I. M. Duggan, Governor, Farm Credit Administration. Committee adjourned subject to call of Chair.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal testified before this committee in the consideration of legislation providing for a selective service program and Air Force expansion. In a 19-page prepared statement the Secretary presented statements favoring the legislation and further urging UMT. He also submitted copies of statements made by Secretaries Royall, Sullivan, and Symington delivered before the Senate Armed Services Committee on March 25. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RETIREMENTS—OLEO

Committee on Armed Services: On April 9, the Subcommittee on Pay Administration agreed to report favorably to the full committee H. R. 5758, permitting certain payments to be made to surviving brothers and sisters and nieces and nephews of former members of the armed services, and S. 1525, to provide transportation for certain Government and other personnel. Considered, but reached no decision on H. R. 1255, restoring allowances to retired enlisted members of the armed forces. Witnesses testifying on these bills were as follows: Representative Potter, of Michigan, on H. R. 5758. Capt. Joseph F. Jelley, Deputy Chief of Bureau of Yards and Docks, Navy Department; O. F. Mealey, Transportation Corps, Department of Army; and Col. Kermit Harcos, Chief, Transportation Division, Air Force, appeared on S. 1525. Commander David L. Martineau, Lt. Col. Wm. M. Brown, and John Hoeppel, of California, appeared on H. R. 1255.

The Procurement Subcommittee, in its further consideration of legislation to permit use of oleomargarine by the armed forces, heard Representative Murray of

Wisconsin; Paul T. Truitt, president, National Association of Margarine Manufacturers; Ersel Walley, president, American Soybean Association; Robert C. Jackson, Washington representative, National Cotton Council of America; and Charles W. Holman, secretary, National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation.

VIERS MILL—RELIEF

Committee on Expenditures: On April 9 and 12, the Snyder subcommittee continued its investigation and study of appraisals of the Viers Mill housing project, Montgomery County, Md., received testimony from James A. Hewitt, FHA loan guaranty office, Washington Area, FHA; Mr. Herath, assistant to Mr. Hewitt; J. Bond Smith, general counsel, A. Morton Thomas, chief engineer, and William C. Barnes, building commissioner, all of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; Richard L. Parli, architect for Viers Mill Village; and Morgan B. Callahan, loan guaranty officer for Veterans' Administration, who also appeared on April 12 with James E. West, Washington Gas Light Co.; and Edward Johnson, congressional liaison officer representing the Housing Expediter.

On April 9, the full committee met in executive session and adopted the report of the State Department Subcommittee on the investigation of the transfer of relief funds to the Citizens' Food Committee.

IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: The Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization agreed to report three private immigration bills favorably to the full committee and one bill (H. R. 3982), adversely. Favorable action was given to H. R. 706, S. 1142, and H. J. Res. 306, as amended. A clean bill will be introduced to substitute for the joint resolution.

POST OFFICE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: On April 9, the Morton subcommittee on the reorganization of the Post Office Department met in executive session and later announced that hearings on this subject would be held in the near future.

RECLAMATION PROJECT

Committee on Public Lands: The Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation heard testimony in behalf of H. R. 5927, to authorize the Solano County project in California for irrigation and reclamation, from Representative Johnson of California; and three officials from the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation: Michael Straus, Commissioner, Stanley A. Kerr, project engineer, and Milburn H. Davison, chief engineer.

On April 9, the Subcommittee on Public Lands ordered H. R. 5587, to add certain lands to the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, N. Dak., to be reported favorably to the full committee. Appearing in behalf of this bill were Representative Robertson of North Dakota, along with other citizens of that State as follows: O. N. Stenelyem, Don C. Price, Joseph C. Poulson, E. H. Gahl, A. R. Weinhandel, and Fred J. Frederickson.

Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation ordered the following two bills reported to the full committee: H. R. 3731, authorizing modifications in the repayment contracts with the Lower Yellowstone irrigation districts Nos. 1 and 2, and H. R. 6067, authorizing execution of an amendatory repayment contract with the Northport irrigation district.

FLOOD CONTROL

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control continued consideration of new projects to be included in the omnibus flood-control bill. Discussed the Clinton River, Red Run, Mich., project and received a statement from Representative Dondero, its sponsor, and a favorable report by the Army from Lt. Col. H. C. Gee, Corps of Engineers. Also being heard were Lloyd Brady, city manager, Hazel Park; E. H. Waterhouse, city manager, Huntington Woods; Jay F. Gibbs, city manager, Ferndale; Mahlon MacGregor, mayor of Berkley; and Edwin M. Shafter, city manager, Royal Oak, all from Michigan. The project was unanimously approved for inclusion in the bill.

On April 9, a flood-control project on the Mississippi River at Aitken County, Minn., and one on the Lackawanna River in Pennsylvania were approved by the subcommittee to be included in the omnibus bill. Representatives Knutson and Hagen; A. J. Dexter, Northern Pacific R. R.; and Verne H. Butler, Aitken County farmer, appeared in favor of the Minnesota project; and Representative Gillette in favor of the Pennsylvania project. Lt. Col. H. C. Gee, Corps of Engineers, furnished the Army report on both projects.

COMMUNISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: On April 9, the committee approved a program calling for changes in the law which would permit charging leaders of the Communist Party with criminal conspiracy against this country unless all ties with Russia are severed, and further providing for compulsory registration with the Department of Justice of all Communist-front organizations. In the event of failure to file, the determination of whether or not such a registration should be made would be subject to administrative hearings by the Department of Justice, whose findings would be subject to full court review. The legislation also carries heavy penalties for noncompliance.

VETERANS' HOUSING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: On April 9, Walter E. Alessandroni, American Legion's national director for

housing, offered testimony at the committee's hearings on H. R. 4488 and identical bills calling for "Veterans' Homestead Associations."

TAXATION—SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: On April 9 and 12, executive session discussed and completed consideration of the Treasury Department's recommendations to the technical tax legislative revisions. Many of the recommendations were approved.

The Subcommittee on Social Security held executive meetings on April 9 and 12 and discussed general social-security proposals.

GRAIN TRADING

Select Committee To Investigate Commodity Transactions: In hearings on the subject of large speculation and "leaks" that had occurred in advance of official information last September, evidence brought out today revealed that an employee of the Fats and Oils Division of the Department of Commerce was responsible for disclosing the information 2 days in advance of the official publication.

Joint Committee Meetings

ECONOMIC REPORT AND CONSUMER PRICES

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: In executive session this group studied additional materials for the proposed Baldwin report prepared in pursuance of S. Con. Res. 19, to investigate consumer-goods prices, and the committee's proposed report on the President's Economic Report. Final action on both of these was temporarily postponed; committee may act on them before the end of the week.

Committee begins hearings tomorrow on the general problem of credit control; these are expected to run for several weeks.

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New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D244)

H. R. 5049, to reopen the revested Oregon & California Railroad and reconvey Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands to exploration, location entry, and disposition under the general mining law. Signed April 8, 1948 (P. L. 477).

H. R. 2298, Railroad Reorganization Act, providing a procedure whereby the ICC may approve action by railroads not in bankruptcy, to alter or modify their debt obligations. Signed April 9, 1948 (P. L. 478).

S. 1794, authorizing construction of a reflecting pool at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Houston, Tex. Signed April 9, 1948 (P. L. 479).

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued work on Arkansas reclamation bill. Federal pay-increase bills favorably reported by House group.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 4367-4369

Bills Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2488 to S. 2495.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. J. Res. 191, giving consent of Congress to compact on regional education entered into between the Southern States at Tallahassee on February 8, 1948, with amendment (S. Rept. 1126); and

S. J. Res. 206, to authorize compact over boundaries between Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota (S. Rept. 1127).

Foreign Relief: President transmitted Second Quarterly Report on U. S. Foreign Relief—referred to Committee on Foreign Relations.

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Bills Referred: Two House-passed bills, passed on April 12, were referred to appropriate committees.

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Report Re-referred: Report on conditions in federally inspected underground bituminous and lignite mines was re-referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs from Labor and Public Welfare Committee.

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Treaties Reported: Consular convention between U. S. and Republic of the Philippines, signed in Manila March 14, 1947 (Executive Q, 80th Cong., 1st sess.; Ex. Rept. 1, 80th Cong., 2d sess.); and

Final Articles Revision Convention, 1946, relative to International Labor Organization, signed at Montreal on October 9, 1946 (Executive EE, 80th Cong., 1st sess.; Ex. Rept. 2, 80th Cong., 2d sess.).

Reclamation: Senate continued consideration of S. 299, to extend Federal reclamation laws to Arkansas.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Continuing on S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program, the committee heard Allan B. Kline, American Farm Bureau Federation, express his views on the legislation, giving support to the general objectives, but recommending his proposals for its improvement. Hearings continue tomorrow.

POST OFFICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee finished hearing officials of the Post Office Department on their 1949 estimates, in connection with H. R. 5770, Treasury-Post Office appropriation bill for 1949, after receiving testimony from Postmaster General Donaldson; Comptroller John J. Haggerty, Bureau of Accounts of the Post Office Department; and officials under the First and Fourth Assistant Postmasters General. Hearings continue tomorrow with outside witnesses.

LABOR-FEDERAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee, in executive session, began marking up, for reporting to the full committee, H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriations. Subcommittee will continue on this tomorrow.

UMT AND SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued its work in executive session on the draft of proposed legislation for UMT and reenactment of selective service, and agreed that any legislation to be reported should not require registration of any person who was 26 years of age or over. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Wildlife Conservation announced hearings on the conservation activities of the Fish and Wildlife Service and other Federal agencies, beginning April 26 through April 30.

LABOR, COFFEE, AND SUGAR AGREEMENTS— UNITED NATIONS—FOREIGN SERVICE NOM-INATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: In executive session, the nomination of Herschel V. Johnson to be Ambassador to Brazil, together with routine Foreign Service nominations, were approved favorably by the committee.

Senator Thomas (Utah) was authorized to report the "Final Articles Revision Convention, 1946" (Executive EE), to bring the language of "previously adopted conventions into conformity with present conditions and specifically to recognize the present relationship of the International Labor Organization to the United Nations, under article 57 of the Charter of the UN."

Senator Lodge was authorized to report a protocol (Executive A) to extend for 1 year from October 1, 1947, "subject to certain conditions of the Inter-American coffee agreement, signed in Washington on November 28, 1940," and a protocol (Executive C) "prolonging for 1 year after August 31, 1947, the international agreement regarding the regulations of production and marketing of sugar, signed at London on March 6, 1937."

The committee also considered some amendments to the UN Participating Act (committee print, to be introduced). It will continue on this tomorrow. Generally these amendments propose to increase top level of representatives to UN, adding a deputy representative.

INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Indians heard Winnie Crane Burke and Richard Burke, Walla Walla Tribe of the Umatilla Indians, discuss their tribal problems and conditions.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Testimony in support of S. 2231, to limit power of radiobroadcast stations, was received by the committee from the following witnesses: Frank U. Fletcher, WARL,

Arlington, Va., and WSMW, Canton, Ohio; Hulbert Taft, Jr., WKRC, Cincinnati; Joseph L. Brechner, WGAY, Silver Spring, Md.; Chet L. Gonce, KXXL, Reno; Martin Karig, WWCS, Glen Falls, N. Y.; Andrew Jarema, WKOP, Binghampton, N. Y.; Fred H. Whitley and Hal Seville, WGTL, Kannapolis, N. C.; former Senator Wheeler; Representative D'Ewart; Rev. William Fitz, Miles City, Mont.; Seymour N. Siegel, WNYC, New York; and F. O. Willenbucher, WIKG, Evansville, Ind. Hearings continue tomorrow.

DISTRICT JUDGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee met to consider the nomination of Wilson Warlick to be U. S. district judge for the Western District of North Carolina. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

LONGSHOREMEN AND HARBOR WORKERS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: The following witnesses, testifying before the Subcommittee on Labor, expressed their views on S. 2237, to increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act: Joseph P. Ryan, International Longshoremen's Association, New York; James A. Brownlow, metal trades department, AFL, Washington; and William Glazier, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, Washington, Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

FERTILIZER

Committee on Agriculture: Discussed H. R. 4752, to establish a National Fertilizer and Soil Fertility Laboratory for research purposes, and heard Representative Dirksen, author of the bill, and Fred S. Lodge, of the National Fertilizer Association, Washington, D. C. It was suggested in this meeting that H. R. 6054, a similar measure, be considered with H. R. 4752 at the next meeting.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Continued consideration of selective-service legislation and received testimony from W. Stuart Symington, Secretary of the Air Force; Gen. Carl Spaatz, Chief of Staff, Air Force; Represent-

ative Wadsworth; John L. Sullivan, Secretary of the Navy; and Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, Chief of Naval Operations.

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met on H. R. 6214, to provide a Federal charter for the Commodity Credit Corporation, and heard Under Secretary of Agriculture Norris E. Dodd review the functions performed by the CCC since its existence, with the recommendation that it be continued under Federal charter to carry on the program.

LABOR EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Opened hearings on H. R. 6202, substitute bill for H. R. 4078 and H. R. 4232, identical measures providing for establishment of a Labor Education Extension Service within the Labor Department. The primary objectives of this Service would be to provide funds to institutions for instructing wage earners, upon their requests, in such subjects as labor economics, labor law, collective bargaining, griev-

ance procedure, and labor's role in the national economic system. Curriculum, materials, and instructors would be provided by colleges and universities. At the State level, the bill provides for review of applications for Federal funds by a State labor extension board. Approved programs are submitted to a National Labor Extension Council for review. Local sources shall provide at least 25 percent of the funds.

Witnesses appearing in favor of the legislation were Representatives Madden and Tollefson, coauthors of the original bills; and three officials of the National Committee for the Extension of Labor Education, as follows: Marion H. Hedges, secretary-treasurer; Hilda W. Smith, chairman; and Frank L. Fernbach, vice chairman.

FEDERAL PROPERTY

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Met on proposed Federal Property Act of 1948 and heard Charles H. Overman, chairman, national committee, State Educational Agencies for Surplus Property, representing 48 States. Mr. Overman presented various suggested amendments to the House draft of the bill.

INQUIRY RESOLUTION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: The committee, in executive session, ordered reported favorably to the House, H. Res. 522, directing the Secretary of Commerce to transmit to the House of Representatives a certain letter with respect to Dr. Edward U. Condon, Director, National Bureau of Standards, and other matters.

IMMIGRATION—COPYRIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered favorably reported to the House two private immigration bills, S. 1142 and H. R. 706. One private immigration bill, H. R. 3982, was tabled. The committee agreed to accept the Senate amendments to H. R. 4931, with respect to copyright fees, etc., and authorized Representative Lewis to ask unanimous consent to have the bill taken from the Speaker's desk and ask the House to agree to the Senate amendments thereto.

The "displaced persons" bill, H. R. 6163, was discussed, but no final action was taken thereon, and the "tidelands" bill, H. R. 5992, was made a special order of business for the next regular executive meeting of the committee on April 15.

PANAMA CANAL

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: The Subcommittee on the Panama Canal considered three bills, approving one to be reported to the full committee and deferring action on the other two. The approved bill was H. R. 1896, to provide annuities for certain remarried widows. The deferred measures, both amending the Canal Zone Code, were H. R. 5103, relating to claims for damage to property and the transfer of certain services and personnel to the Panama Railroad Company, and H. R. 5104, to incorporate the Panama Railroad Company.

PAY INCREASES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Ordered two pay-increase bills favorably reported to the House: H. R. 5472, to increase the salaries of employees of the Federal Government by \$468 annually, and H. R. 5667, to increase the salaries of Postal employees by \$585 annually. These increases are both temporary and would extend from May 1, 1948, to July 1, 1949. Also ordered reported H. R. 5272, providing that railway postal clerks, transferred from one assignment to another because of service, shall not take a salary reduction by reason of such change.

RECLAMATION PROJECT

Committee on Public Lands: The Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation continued hearings on H. R. 5927, to authorize the Solano County project in California for irrigation and reclamation, and heard favorable testimony from Northcut Ely, representative of Gov. Earl Warren of California, who presented a personal statement from the Governor; L. G. Hines, legislative representative, AFL, representing William Green, president, AFL; Admiral J. J. Manning, Bureau of Yards and Docks, Department of the Navy; Rex L. Nicholson, businessman, of Richmond, Calif.; Frank O. Bell, chairman, county board of supervisors, Solano County; Luther E. Gibson, publisher and owner of newspapers in the county; George C. Demmon, mayor, city of Vallejo; Samuel E. Vickers, city manager, city of Vallejo; Hugh Wren, agriculture commissioner, Solano County; Howard Vaughn, chairman of the board, Solano irrigation district; Roy Hilden, Fred A. Chadborne, Ed Uhl, and John Gleason, all citizens of Solano County: and Admiral Tisdale, former commandant, Mare Island Navy Yard. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PUBLIC-WORKS BILLS

Committee on Public Works: Met in executive session and ordered the following bills reported favorably to the House:

H. R. 5543, granting congressional consent to the Carolina Power & Light Co. to construct a dam in the Lumber River, N. C.;

An amended bill in lieu of H. R. 2865, to provide a sea wall or other protection at Nome, Alaska;

H. R. 3915, to increase the size of the Arkansas-Mississippi Bridge Commission, as amended;

S. 1611, to extend the time for completing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at Sauk Rapids, Minn.;

S. 1545, authorizing bridge, roads, and approaches thereto on Federal property within the limits of Colonial National Historical Park in Yorktown, Va.; and

H. R. 6188, to confer jurisdiction over the Fort Des Moines Veterans' Village, Iowa, upon the State of Iowa.

The committee also approved many projects reported from the Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors, to be included in the subcommittee's omnibus bill.

Representative Macy, chairman of the subcommittee investigating questionable trade practices, furnished an interim report on the work of the subcommittee to the full group.

VETERANS—HOUSING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Continued hearings on H. R. 4488 and identical measures calling for "veterans' homestead associations" with statements being furnished by Leo B. Wilson, president, Veterans Mutual Housing Cooperative, Inc.; T. B. King, Director, Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans' Administration; Frank W. Kelsey, Assistant Administrator for Finance, Veterans' Administration; Max Elliott, Federal Works Agency; and William E. Murray, Miami, Fla.

TAXATION—SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: The full committee, in executive session, continued its consideration of gen-

eral tax revisions and discussed revision proposals offered by members of the staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation.

The Subcommittee on Social Security continued study of social-security legislation in an executive meeting. Both groups continue on their respective subjects tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

CREDIT CONTROL

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: Committee opened hearings on the general problem of credit control and received testimony from Marriner S. Eccles, Federal Reserve Board, on proposed changes in reserve requirements and the credit policies of the Federal Government generally. Hearings continue on Friday.

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New Law

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D249)

H. R. 4167, to authorize Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Washington to lease their State lands for production of oil, gas, and other hydrocarbons. Signed April 13, 1948 (P. L. 480).

Wednesday, April 14, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate began debate on housing, passed D. C. rent-control extension, and cleared foot-and-mouth disease bill for President.

House overrode veto on excluding newspaper vendors from social security and debated supplemental national defense appropriation bill.

Senate group approved amendments to UN Participation Act and Science Foundation bill.

Bill requiring registration of Communist Party members approved by House group.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 4392-4396

Bills Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2496 to S. 2501.

Pages 4392-4393

Bills Reported: Report was made as follows: An additional report on aircraft by Special Committee To Investigate the National Defense Program (pt. 3 of S. Rept. 440).

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Presidential Message: Received Presidential message on Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation between U. S. and Italy, together with two related protocols signed at Rome February 2, 1948 (Executive E of 80th Cong., 2d sess.) referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Printing: H. Con. Res. 154, to print 15,000 copies of a report on the strategy and tactics of world communism, was adopted.

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D. C. Rent Control: S. 2195, to continue rent control in the D. C. until March 31, 1949, was passed with committee amendment.

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Treaties Ratified: Consular convention between U. S. and Republic of the Philippines, signed in Manila March 14, 1947 (Executive Q, 80th Cong., 1st sess.; Ex. Rept 1, 80th Cong., 2d sess.), and final articles revision convention, signed at Montreal on October 9, 1946 (Executive EE, 80th Cong., 1st sess.; Ex. Rept. 2, 80th Cong., 2d sess.) were ratified.

Pages 4400-4403

Foot-and-Mouth Disease: Senate concurred in House amendment to S. 2038, to conduct research on foot-and-mouth disease, thus clearing the bill for the President's signature.

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Reclamation: Further consideration of S. 299, to extend reclamation laws to Arkansas, was put aside when the Senate adopted a motion to proceed to consideration of S. 866.

Pages 4396-4399, 4403-4409

Housing: Senate opened debate on S. 866, to establish and carry out a national housing policy. Senator McCarthy offered an amendment to strike out title II of the bill regarding establishment of National Housing Commission, but it was not acted on before recess.

Pages 4411-4425

Cuban Liberation: H. Con. Res. 184, changing time from 1 p. m. to 12 noon for meeting of joint session on April 19 in honor of Cuban liberation, was agreed to.

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Nominations and Confirmations: The following nominations to the UN were received today and confirmed: Warren R. Austin, Vermont; Francis B. Sayre, D. C.; and Philip C. Jessup, New York, to be representatives; and Dean Rusk, Virginia, and John C. Ross, New York, to be alternate representatives of the U. S. to a special session of the General Assembly of UN in New York City beginning April 16, 1948. Also confirmed were: Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, to be Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force, along with 165 Foreign Service nominations, including that of Herschel V. Johnson, North Carolina, to be Ambassador to Brazil.

Senate also received 52 Coast Guard nominations.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: John H. Davis, executive secretary, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, appeared before the committee to express his views on S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program; he favored the general objectives of this legislation, but recommended various amendments to it. Hearings continue tomorrow.

LABOR-FEDERAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee, in executive session, continued marking up for reporting to the full committee H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriations. Subcommittee continues tomorrow.

TREASURY-POST OFFICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee, in connection with its hearings on H. R. 5770, Treasury-Post Office appropriations, received testimony on survey of the Cleveland post office and its mechanical equipment operations from the following witnesses: First Assistant Postmaster General Burke and associates; Representative Rees; R. R. Zimmerman, Trundle Engineering Co.; and James F. Foley, Alfred G. Jelalian, and Fred C. Gleason, all of Remington Rand. Hearings continue Friday.

UN-CHINA AND ITALIAN TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: In executive session committee approved for reporting the committee print of a bill submitted by the State Department to amend the UN Participation Act (bill to be introduced and reported). As approved, the measure proposes to add an additional deputy representative from the U.S. to the UN, giving the U. S. a total of three representatives, a representative (ambassador), a first deputy representative, and a second deputy representative; it would also permit the temporary assignment of any State Department officer to be used temporarily as a U.S. representative in any instrumentality of the UN; it would give our representative (ambassador) to the UN \$25,000 instead of \$20,000, and put him on a level with top-flight ambassadors elsewhere. The first deputy representative would get \$20,000 a year, and the second deputy \$12,000.

A subcommittee of Senators Thomas (Utah), chairman, Lodge, and Smith was appointed to study proposed treaties with Italy and China. Charles E. Bohlen, counselor for the State Department, was heard briefly today on the proposed treaty with Italy.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Further testimony in support of S. 2231, to limit power of radio-broadcast stations, was received by the committee from the following witnesses: Stephen Tuhy, Jr., KGAR, Garden City, KWBG, Goodland, Kan., and WABZ, Albemarle, N. C.; Senator McCarran; James G. Patton, National Farmers Union, Denver; John Boler, KIOA, Des Moines, and KSJB, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Marion S. Wyckoff, WKDK, Newberry, S. C.; Harry J. Daly and Hobart Stevenson, WCNT, Centralia, Ill.; Rex Howell, KFXJ, Grand Junction, Colo.; Richard B. Hull, National Association of Educational Broadcasters, and WOI, Ames, Iowa; Walter Tison, WALT, Tampa; Richard Fairbanks, WIBC, Indianapolis; H. H. Leake, KOAG, Stillwater, Okla.; S. A. Cisler, WKYW, Louis-

ville; Arthur McCracken, WGPA, Bethlehem, Pa.; Wyth Walker, Walker Co., New York; Fred Fletcher and Don Treloar, Montana Association of Broadcasters, Kalispell. Meet again Monday, April 19.

ALASKAN SHIPPING

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee opened hearings on Alaskan shipping bills (S. 1834 and S. 2092) receiving proponent testimony from Delegate Bartlett of Alaska and Malcolm D. Miller, representing the Territory of Alaska. Senator Butler filed a statement in support of the bill.

The following witnesses testified in opposition to the bills: Frazier Bailey, National Federation of American Shipping; George W. Morgan, Association of American Ship Owners; Admiral S. A. Zeusler, and Gilbert Skinner, Alaska Steamship Co., Seattle; Norton Clapp, Alaska Transportation Co., Seattle; William Semar, Northland Transportation Co., Seattle. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee, in executive session, approved for reporting to the full committee, with amendments, S. 2385, national science foundation bill.

LONGSHOREMEN AND HARBOR WORKERS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Labor continued on S. 2237, to increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, and heard Samuel D. Shell, National Federation of American Shipping; H. S. Webb, New York Shipping Association; Stevenson Masson, Steamship Trade Association of Baltimore; and Seth Levine, CIO Maritime Committee, express their views on the proposed legislation.

VA PERSONNEL

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee, in connection with S. Res. 41, to investigate certain matters relating to officers and employees of the Federal Government, received testimony on the lack of expeditious handling of claims by schools operating under the GI bill of rights from the following witnesses: William Emile Jennifer, Jennifer Business College, accompanied by E. K. Gubin, attorney; and E. J. MacIntosh, Ernest L. Martin, Claude M. Parks, and Patrick Beville, all officials of the VA.

MARYLAND SENATORIAL ELECTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections agreed to meet in executive session on April 21 to hear final arguments of counsel in the Maryland senatorial election contest.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-five public bills, H. R. 6226-6250; seven private bills, H. R. 6251-6257; and ten resolutions, H. Res. 530-537, H. J. Res. 373 and H. Con. Res. 184, were introduced.

Pages 4437, 4474

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 6226, supplemental national defense appropria-

tion bill for 1948 (H. Rept. 1729);

H. R. 3785, authorizing the State of Minnesota to condemn lands owned by the United States, in Cass County for fish propagation (H. Rept. 1730);

H. R. 5666, providing for the admission of Alaska, the

forty-ninth State (H. Rept. 1731);

H. R. 5839, authorizing conveyance to States or political subdivisions of roads leading to certain historical areas administered by the Department of the Interior (H. Rept. 1732);

Report of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce on export-licensing procedures investigation

(H. Rept. 1733);

H. R. 6039, authorizing permanent appointment in the Regular Army of one officer in the grade of general, and to authorize the permanent appointment in the Regular Air Force of one officer in the grade of general (H. Rept. 1734);

H. R. 3578, reducing the area of the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, in Essex County, Mass. (H. Rept. 1735);

H. R. 4393, providing for distribution, promotion, separation, and retirement of officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey (H. Rept. 1736);

H. R. 4804, granting service credit to certain enlisted men of the Coast Guard (H. Rept. 1737);

H. R. 4817, amending the act of July 23, 1947 (61 Stat. 409) pertaining to extension of time during which the United States Coast Guard might continue temporary appointments of commissioned officers (H. Rept. 1738);

H. R. 4892, amending act of July 23, 1947 (61 Stat. 409) pertaining to retirement pay of officers who have served

as assistant commandants or engineers in chief of the U. S. Coast Guard (H. Rept. 1739);

S. 1142, a private bill (H. Rept. 1740); H. R. 706, a private bill (H. Rept. 1741).

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Bills Referred: Thirty-one Senate-passed bills, passed on April 12, were referred to appropriate committees.

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Presidential Message: Received Presidential message accompanying the second quarterly report of expenditures and activities under the United States foreign relief program, covering period from October 1 through December 31, 1947, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed as House Document No. 612.

Social Security: By a vote of 307 yeas to 28 nays, the House overrode the Presidential veto of H. R. 5052, excluding certain vendors of newspapers and magazines from social-security coverage.

Pages 4427-4433

Jefferson's Inaugural Address: Under a special order, the membership heard Representative Albert read the first inaugural address of President Jefferson.

Pages 4433-4434

Private Bill: Granted permission for restoration to Private Calendar of S. 1263 for the relief of fire district No. 1 of the town of Colchester, Vt.

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Committee Election: Adopted H. Res. 531, electing Representative Price, of Florida, to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Cuban Liberation: Adopted H. Con. Res. 184, providing for a joint session of the two Houses of Congress on April 19, at 12 noon, to hold appropriate ceremonies celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the liberation of Cuba.

National Defense: Considered and concluded debate on H. R. 6226, supplemental national defense appropriation bill for 1948. This bill would provide \$2,376,100,000 for aircraft procurement. After reading of the first paragraph, further consideration of the bill was postponed until tomorrow when the reading of the bill for amendment will commence.

Pages 4442-4458

Subpena: Adopted H. Res. 534, permitting compliance with subpena, served on Member, to appear as witness in the D. C. Federal District Court.

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Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Poulson on the subject of the division of waters of the lower Colorado River, and Mrs. Douglas on the recent attacks on Dr. Edward U. Condon.

Pages 4461-4472

Committee Meetings

FARM LOANS

Committee on Agriculture: Met on H. R. 6114, amending Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, to increase interest rate on title I loans, and heard testimony from two representatives of the Farmers Home Administration, Department of Agriculture; Howard V. Campbell, attorney's office, and D. B. Lasseter, both of whom approved the measure. The committee voted to report the bill to the House.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Gen. Omar Bradley, Chief of Staff, Army, testified before the committee in its study of selective-service legislation, following which Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary of the Army, answered questions concerning the subject for the information of the members. Continues this topic tomorrow in executive session.

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued hearings on H. R. 6214, to provide a Federal charter for the Commodity Credit Corporation. Appearing in behalf of this measure were Representatives Murray of Wisconsin, H. Carl Andersen, and Curtis. Hearings continue tomorrow.

LABOR EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Continued hearings on H. R. 6202, providing for establishment of a Labor Education Extension Service within the Labor Department, with the following representatives of labor organizations testifying in favor of the bill: Kermit Eby, education and research director, CIO, who read the statement of Philip Murray, president of the CIO; Mark Starr, education director, International Ladies Garment Workers, AFL; and W. D. Johnston, representative, Railway Labor Executives' Association. Frank L. Fernbach described a motion picture, produced jointly by Penn State College and United Steelworkers Union, entitled "The Campus Goes to the Steelworkers." Hearings continue tomorrow.

LABOR CONSULTANT—GAO

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Hoffman subcommittee held hearings on the subject of Commerce Department's employment of David Lasser, former president of Workers' Alliance, as a labor consultant, and heard Mr. Lasser; Kenneth C. Vipond, Civil Service Commission; Lester C. Stacey, regional unit head, General Accounting Office; Representative McConnell; and Harkey Reiter, Pennsylvania newspaperman.

The Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings met in executive session on GAO audit of wartime railroad freight vouchers. Continues tomorrow.

TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: In the hearings before the full committee on its transportation study, testimony was offered by the following witnesses: Robert Ramspeck, executive vice president, Air Transport Association; Donald D. Conn, executive vice president, Transportation Association of America; Charles W. Braden, chairman of the steering committee, Transportation Association of America, Chicago, Ill.; Arthur H. Schwietert, president, National Industrial Traffic League, Washington, D. C.; Jack Garrett Scott, general counsel, National Association of Motor Bus Operators, Washington, D. C.; and Harry R. Brashear, director of traffic service, Aircraft Industries Association of America, Washington, D. C. Continues hearings tomorrow.

COURTS-COAST GUARD

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 3 agreed to recommend favorably to the full committee H. R. 5106, to provide for changes in the time of holding court in certain divisions in the eastern and western districts of South Carolina, and S. 1077, to amend section 4450 of the Revised Statutes with respect to conduct of disciplinary proceedings by commissioned Coast Guard officers.

Subcommittee on Claims agreed to report favorably eight private Senate bills and six private House bills to the full committee.

MERCHANT MARINE BILLS

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Held executive session and ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 4393, with amendments, providing for distribution, promotion, separation, and retirement of commissioned officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey;

H. R. 4892, with amendments, amending Public Law 219 (80th Cong.) relative to retirement pay of officers who have served as assistant commandants or engineers in chief, U. S. Coast Guard;

H. R. 4817, amending Public Law 219 (80th Cong.) relative to the number of officers holding permanent appointments on the active list of the Coast Guard;

H. R. 4804, allowing service credits for certain enlisted men of the Coast Guard who acted as policemen and guards at the Ivigtut Cryolite Mine, Greenland, during 1940 and 1941;

H. R. 3578, reducing area of the Parker River National

Wildlife Refuge, in Essex County, Mass.;

H. R. 5144, providing for the conveyance of the Bear Lake fish cultural station to the Fish and Game Commission of the State of Utah; and

H. R. 1896, amending the act of 1944 (Panama Canal) providing annuities for certain remarried widows.

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MAIL SERVICE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Discussed, but took no action on, H. R. 3586, to extend delivery service for St. Francis College, Loretto, Pa. Appearing before the committee were Peter Connolly, legislative liaison officer to the Postmaster General, and Rev. Regis O'Brien, president of St. Francis College.

SCHOOL—IRRIGATION

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation considered S. 1985, amending the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act, relating to Boulder City school district, and H. R. 3194, amending the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, relative to short-term contracts to furnish water for irrigation purposes. Both bills were approved for reporting to the full committee. Representative Russell appeared in favor of the Boulder City bill. Testifying on H. R. 3194, were M. J. Dowd, California consulting engineer, who opposed the legislation, and Don McBride, National Reclamation Association, who endorsed it. Jeff G. Wills, of the Reclamation Division, Department of the Interior, explained the proposed amendments to the bill.

FLOOD CONTROL

Committee on Public Works: The Subcommittee on Flood Control considered and approved several projects to be offered for inclusion in the public works 1948 omnibus bill.

COMMUNISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: Unanimously agreed to amend the bill designed to curb communism in this country, by requiring registration of all members of the Communist Party. It previously provided for the registration of the Communist-front organizations only.

HOSPITALS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: The Subcommittee on Hospitals, in executive session, ordered H. R. 2971, calling for acquisition of Camp White Hospital, Medford, Oreg., for use as a VA domiciliary facility, to be favorably reported to the full committee. Reported without recommendation H. R. 4950, providing for a 500-bed hospital at Baltimore, Md.

TAXATION—SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: In executive session, continued its consideration of general tax revisions and discussed revision proposals offered by members of the staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation.

The Subcommittee on Social Security continued study of social-security legislation in an executive meeting.

Thursday, April 15, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate acted on veterans' subsistence and continued on housing bill.

House passed supplemental national defense appropriation bill.

Senate group acted on social-security report and bills on science foundation, foreign aircraft, and fertilizer.

Bills on tidelands and D. C. home rule approved by House subcommittees.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 4475-4476

Bills Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2502 to S. 2509; S. J. Res. 209; and S. Res. 223.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 5448, extending reciprocal income-tax exemption to earnings of aircraft under foreign registry as now granted foreign-flag ships, with amendment (S. Rept. 1128); and

H. R. 5275, to permit free entry of crude or broken limestone to be used in manufacture of fertilizer (S. Rept. 1129).

Minimum Wages: Permission was granted for printing a report of Legislative Reference Service consisting of special study of economic aspect of minimum wage, as Senate Document 146.

Housing: Senate adopted by voice vote Senator Mc-Carthy's amendment to strike out title II of S. 866, to establish and carry out a national housing policy, as well as 13 other McCarthy amendments, which altogether would practically rewrite the bill. Senator Taft then offered amendment to strike out remainder of bill following title I and insert the committee amendments, which in effect are a substitute to the bill. Two perfecting amendments to the committee amendments were adopted by voice vote as follows: by Senator Millikin to strike out provision amending Internal Revenue Code respecting amortization deductions, and by Senator Taft to strike out provision respecting obligations secured by pledge of annual contributions under contract. Senator Saltonstall offered an amendment to the committee amendments permitting State and Federal cooperation in loans for public housing, which remained pending at recess. Pages 4475-4522

Veterans' Subsistence: Senate vacated all proceedings on conference report on S. 1393, to increase the permitted rate of allowance and compensation in relation to veterans' subsistence grants, and disagreed to the conference report. Following this it agreed to the House amendments to S. 1393, with amendment. This action

has the effect of sending the bill back to the House for its concurrence in Senate action.

Pages 4522-4523

Nominations: The following nominations were received: Judges Disney, Harlan, Harron, and Hill for reappointment to Tax Court of the U. S.; Harrington Wimberly and Thomas Chalmers Buchanan to FPC; and four appointments in the Marine Corps.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee heard James G. Patton, president, National Farmers Union, generally endorse the enactment of S. 2318 (to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program), and offer several suggested amendments thereto. Hearings continue tomorrow and Saturday.

FIRST DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriation, receiving testimony from Senator Langer on REA funds; Senator Wiley on vocational rehabilitation funds; and officials of the Interior Department on funds for airport in Virgin Islands, and Bureau of Indian Affairs; of the FWA on funds for fire hazards in the Executive Mansion; and officials of the Tax Court of the U. S. on its funds. Carter Barron appeared on National Capital Sesquicentennial Commission. Hearings continue tomorrow.

LABOR-FEDERAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee concluded marking up for reporting to the full committee H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriations. Earlier in the day, in closed session, officials of the Public Health and the Public Buildings Administration gave testimony on construction of the new National Mental Health Institute.

SOCIAL SECURITY, FERTILIZER, FOREIGN AIRCRAFT, AND NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Social Security Advisory Council presented its report on old-age and survivors' insur-

ance program to the full committee. The report is still confidential and will not be available for public distribution until Wednesday, April 21.

Committee approved for reporting H. R. 5448, extending reciprocal income-tax exemption to earnings of aircraft under foreign registry as now granted foreign-flag ships, with an amendment to make it effective with repect to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1945; and H. R. 5275, to permit free entry of crude or broken limestone to be used in manufacture of fertilizer.

The nominations of Walter R. Stur, Florida, N. Y., to be internal-revenue collector for the Fourteenth District of New York; James M. Robertson, to be collector of customs for district 14 of Norfolk, Va.; and Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, to be Director of the Mint, were ordered favorably reported.

Committee discussed briefly the President's veto message on H. R. 5052, to exclude certain vendors of newspapers or magazines from certain provisions of the Social Security Act and Internal Revenue Code.

NEBRASKA INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Indians received testimony from the following Nebraska Indians urging that their tribes be independent of the Indian Bureau, that Congress give them funds to run their own business, and that Congress should pass legislation to do away with the five district offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs supervising their tribes: Amos Lamson, Otto Birdhead, Joseph J. Peniska, Isaac Redowl, Charles J. Springer, Frank Beaver, David Frazier, William St. Cye, and Charles A. Walker.

HAWAIIAN STATEHOOD

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: The following witnesses appeared before the Subcommittee on Territories and Insular Affairs to testify in support of H. R. 49, Hawaiian statehood bill: Oscar L. Chapman, Department of Interior; Lawrence C. Clayton, Federal Reserve Board; Stanley Cook, Congress of Parents and Teachers; Marjorie Temple, American Association of University Women; Clifford Dancer, National Field Secretary of AVC; Delegate Joseph R. Farrington, of Hawaii; Seth Richardson, former Attorney General; and Robert L. Shivers, FBI agent formerly in Hawaii.

ALASKAN SHIPPING

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Continuing hearings on S. 1834 and S. 2092, Alaskan shipping bills, subcommittee received proponent testimony from Gov. Ernest Gruening of Alaska and Ralph J. Rivers, attorney general of Alaska.

Testifying in opposition to the bill were: Robert Skinner, president, Alaska Steamship Co., Seattle; and Norton Clapp, president, Alaska Transportation Co., Seattle.

S. W. Fairweather, vice president, Canadian National Railways, Montreal, also testified.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION AND ALASKAN AIRPORT

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee held hearings on H. R. 3510, to authorize airport in Anchorage, Alaska, and S. 2451, to encourage development of international air-transportation system, receiving testimony generally in support of the bills from the following: Robert P. Boyle, CAA; Lieutenant General Craig, and Brigadier General Timberlake, Jr., both of the Air Force; Delegate Bartlett, of Alaska; Paul Barringer, State Department; Stuart Tipton, Air Transport Association; Charles Cary, Navy Department, F. A. MacDonald, Weather Bureau; and Louis Goodkind, and Emory Nunnelly, both of CAB. Various witnesses proposed amendments to S. 2451.

SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND VETERANS' SUBSISTENCE

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: In executive session the committee agreed to report with perfecting amendments S. 2385, national science foundation bill, and one routine Public Health nomination.

It also discussed procedure for disposing of the conference report on S. 1393, to increase the permitted rate of allowance and compensation in relation to veterans' subsistence grants, which was later followed by the Senate in acting on this bill (see Senate Chamber).

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Dr. James A. Crabtree, Deputy Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, and Senator Lodge expressed their views to the Subcommittee on Health on S. 678, to amend the Public Health Service Act so as to provide medical assistance to States.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seven public bills, H. R. 6258–6264; two private bills, H. R. 6265 and 6266; and eleven resolutions, H. Res. 538–543, and H. J. Res. 374–378, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. J. Res. 207, providing for the commemoration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of the establishment of the Department of the Navy (H. Rept. 1742);

H. R. 6224, a private bill (H. Rept. 1743);

S. 1545, authorizing a bridge, roads, approaches, etc., upon lands of the United States within the limits of Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown, Va. (H. Rept. 1744);

S. 1611, extending time for completing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near

Sauk Rapids, Minn. (H. Rept. 1745);

H. R. 5543, dam across Lumber River, N. C. (H. Rept.

1746);

H. R. 6188, conferring jurisdiction over the Fort Des Moines Veterans' Village upon the State of Iowa (H. Rept. 1747);

H. R. 6228, shore protection work at Nome, Alaska

(H. Rept. 1748);

H. R. 5298, establishing the Civil Air Patrol as a civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force (H. Rept. 1749);

H. R. 3239, liberalization of benefits under United States Employees Compensation Act (H. Rept. 1750);

and

H. R. 3915, increasing the size of the Arkansas-Mississippi Bridge Commission (H. Rept. 1751). Page 4562

Bill Referred: S. 2195, continuing rent control in D. C. until March 31, 1949, passed by the Senate on April 14, was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

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Surplus Property: Agreed to Senate amendment to H. R. 3703, authorizing transfer of surplus property to Department of the Interior for consolidation of Federal holdings within areas administered by the National Park Service, thus clearing the bill for the President.

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Subpena: Adopted H. Res. 538, permitting compliance with subpena, served on Member, to appear as witness in the D. C. Federal District Court.

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National Defense: By a vote of 343 yeas to 3 nays, the House passed H. R. 6226, supplemental national defense appropriation bill. An amendment, offered by Mr. Taber, extending the authority of the Secretary of the Air Force until June 30, 1950, to enter into contracts, and increasing the amount for contract authorization from \$865 millions to \$1,687 millions, was unanimously adopted.

Adopted an amendment, offered by Mr. Case of South Dakota, designed to insure the maximum utilization of improvements in aircraft and equipment; requiring periodical reports from the Secretary of Defense; and providing for contract settlements in accordance with the Renegotiation Act as it was in effect on July 1, 1945.

As passed by the House, the bill now carries a total of \$3,198,100,000 for aircraft procurement.

Pages 4530-4548

Bankruptcy: Agreed to Senate amendment to H. R. 4326, extending the privilege of filing a petition under the farmer-debtor provisions of the Bankruptcy Act, thus clearing the measure for the White House.

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Subpenas: Adopted H. Res. 540, 541, and 542, permitting compliance with subpenas, served on certain officers of the House of Representatives, to appear as witnesses in the D. C. Federal District Court.

Pages 4551-4552

Special Orders: Under special orders Mrs. Douglas addressed the House on the recent attacks on Dr. Edward U. Condon, and Mr. Jackson of California reported his observations of the Ninth Conference of American States held in Bogotá, Colombia.

Pages 4553-4561

Committee Meetings

PRICE SUPPORT

Committee on Agriculture: Held executive session on H. R. 6248, extension of price-support program, with no witnesses appearing. Will meet on the same subject tomorrow.

SELECTIVE SERVICE—AIR PATROL

Committee on Armed Services: Heard Robert A. Lovett, Under Secretary of State, testify on the selective-service legislation in an executive session. Hearings continue tomorrow.

The committee also ordered favorably reported to the House, H. R. 5298, to establish Civil Air Patrol, as a civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force.

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued hearings on H. R. 6214, to provide a Federal charter for the Commodity Credit Corporation, receiving favorable testimony from W. R. Ogg, director, Washington office, American Farm Bureau Federation, and Dr. J. T. Sanders, legislative counsel, the National Grange.

HOME RULE

Committee on the District of Columbia: The Subcommittee on Home Rule voted to report the Auchincloss plan for home rule in the District of Columbia to the full committee for its consideration.

LABOR EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Continued hearing proponents of H. R. 6202, providing for establishment

of a Labor Education Extension Service within the Labor Department, with the following witnesses appearing: Walter Mason, representing William Green, president, AFL; John D. Connors, director, Workers Education Bureau, AFL; Dr. Caroline Ware, author of Labor Education in Universities; and William Rafsky, education director, American Federation of Hosiery Workers, CIO. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MISCONDUCT CHARGES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda met on charges of misconduct and corruption on the part of officials of the Public Housing Authority in San Diego, Calif., and heard the testimony of J. Robert Brown, investigator for the subcommittee. Hearings continue tomorrow.

WAR SURPLUS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Surplus Property held hearings relative to disposal of \$20,000,000 of lend-lease personal property originally purchased for Russia, having been received by WAA from the Bureau of Federal Supplies. Witnesses appearing were: C. Tyler Wood, deputy to Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, George E. Truesdell, Division of Eastern European Affairs, and Michael H. Cardozo, Office of the Legal Adviser, all of the State Department; Charles J. Baker, Office of General Disposal, and Dean G. Strickler, president of West Engineering Corp., Washington, D. C., both of War Assets Administration; and O. W. Teckemeyer and John J. Kirby, from the Bureau of Federal Supply, Treasury Department.

GAO AUDIT—CIA INVESTIGATION

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings held an executive meeting on GAO audit of wartime railroad freight vouchers.

The Brown subcommittee investigating the Central Intelligence Agency to learn whether the Secretary of State and other high officials were properly warned that a revolution was impending in Colombia, heard a prepared statement by Rear Adm. C. H. Hillenkoetter, Chief of the CIA, relative to information on conditions in Bogota being furnished to the State Department. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

FOREIGN-AID PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Representatives Vorys, Fulton, and Bloom were named to the joint congressional committee which will observe the administration of the foreign-aid program. Two members, to be selected from the Appropriations Committee, have not as yet been named.

PRINTING-ELECTION CONTESTS

Committee on House Administration: Committee ordered two resolutions reported to the House, dismissing the election contests of Helen Douglas Mankin and Wyman C. Lowe, respectively, against Representative James C. Davis, Fifth Congressional District of Georgia.

In executive session, S. Con. Res. 46, providing for the printing of 10,000 additional copies of S. Rept. 986, on labor-management relations, was ordered reported to the House.

TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continued hearings on the committee's transportation study and heard the testimony of Carter Fort, general counsel, Association of American Railroads, Washington, D. C. Adjourned until tomorrow.

TIDELANDS

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered favorably reported to the House H. R. 5992, to confirm and establish the titles of the States to lands beneath navigable waters within State boundaries and natural resources within such lands and waters and to provide for the use and control of said lands and resources. Also, eight private Senate bills and eight private House bills were ordered favorably reported.

COPPER

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittees on Mines and Mining in the course of its study of critical and strategic minerals and metals heard the following witnesses, identified with the copper industry, as follows: R. G. Page, president, George R. Drysdale, vice president, and James Douglas, secretary, all of the Dodge Copper Corp., New York City; and Edgar L. Rossin, vice president, and Sam Morris, attorney, both of the Miami Copper Co., New York City.

COMMUNISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: Met in executive session to consider further amendments to be included in the legislation to curb communism in this country.

VETERANS' HOUSING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Resumed hearings on H. R. 4488 and identical measures calling for "veterans' homestead associations," with testimony being furnished by Representative Patman, of Texas; Col. Lawrence Westbrook, Washington, D. C.; and Max Elliot and Alan Johnstone, both of the Federal Works Agency.

Monday, April 19, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses met in joint session on Cuban liberation anniversary.

Senate group acted on bills on appropriations, Indians, public lands, and private claims.

D. C. rent-control extension and daylight-saving bills ordered reported to the House.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 4563-4567

Bills Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2510 to S. 2514; and S. Res. 224.

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Bill Referred: One House-passed bill, passed on April 15, was referred to appropriate committee.

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Routine Session: Senate met briefly, transacting routine business.

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Cuban Liberation: Senate met in joint session to observe fiftieth anniversary of Cuban liberation, pursuant to H. Con. Res. 184. The program included speeches by President Truman and Cuban Ambassador Guillermo Belt.

Pages 4568-4570

Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Continuing hearings on S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program, the committee received testimony from Dr. John Black, professor of economics at Harvard University.

On Friday, April 16, the committee heard Albert S. Goss, master, National Grange, testify on the same bill.

On Saturday, April 17, the following witnesses testified: Charles Holman, secretary, and Lewis F. Herman, economic counsel, both of the National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation, Washington; Leslie P. Wells, president, Suffolk County Farm Bureau, Riverhead, N. Y.; and Frank W. Hussey, representing Maine potato growers, Presque Isle, Maine.

All of these witnesses testified generally in support of the objectives of the legislation, but made various recommendations for changes in it or proposed amendments to it. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FIRST DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Hearings were continued on April 16, by subcommittee on H. R. 6055, first de-

ficiency appropriations, with testimony from officials of FSA in support of funds for Public Health Service, vocational rehabilitation, grants to States for unemployment compensation administration, and reconversion unemployment benefits for seamen; and the following witnesses on funds for their agencies or the agencies with which they are concerned: Victor Christgau, president of Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies, and Milton Loysen, director of such agencies for New York State, as well as officials of USES, Labor Department. Tighe E. Woods, Housing Expediter, and Clyde T. Ellis, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, also testified. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TREASURY-POST OFFICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on April 16, continued hearings on H. R. 5770, Treasury-Post Office Appropriations, receiving testimony from Joseph J. O'Connell, Jr., Chairman, Hardy K. Maclay, and Warner H. Hord, all of CAB; and Vincent C. Burke, First Assistant Postmaster General, Frank J. Delany, Solicitor, and other representatives of the Post Office Department. The hearing dealt with air-mail rates and certification of air carriers for mail purposes, with particular reference to Braniff Air Lines. Subcommittee adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Friday, April 16, approved for reporting to full committee H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations. As approved the bill would appropriate \$527,902,611; as passed by House it would appropriate \$503,590,263. The subcommittee made the following increases over Houseapproved figures: \$8,768,014 for State, \$325,000 for Justice, \$2,779,660 for Commerce, and \$12,439,674 for the Judiciary.

UMT AND SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: In executive session the committee continued to work on the draft of the proposed legislation for UMT and reenactment of selective service. Committee continues on this on Wednesday.

GERMAN PAINTINGS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee, on April 16, in hearings on S. 2439, retention of German paintings in the U. S., received testimony in opposition to the bill from William H. Draper, Jr., Under Secretary of the Army; and Charles E. Saltzman, Assistant Secretary of State.

Testifying in support of the legislation were the following: Senator Fulbright; William C. Bullitt; Perry T. Rathbone, City Art Museum of St. Louis; Dudley T. Easby, Jr., Horace H. F. Jayne, Murray Pease, and Robert Sugden, all of Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; Peyton Boswell, Jr., and Alonzo Lansford, both of Art Digest, New York; and Alexander Boeker, Washington.

David E. Finley, and John Walker, National Gallery of Art, appeared to discuss the paintings for the infor-

mation of the committee.

INDIANS AND PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: In executive session the following bills were approved by the committee for reporting: S. 1925, to convey certain land to Pierre, S. Dak.; S. 1448, to sell and lease certain houses, apartments, and lands in Boulder City, Nev., with amendment; H. J. Res. 242, private bill; S. 1050, to amend an act of 1927 on mining of potash on public domain so as to provide for the disposition of rentals and royalties from leases issued or renewed under an act of 1917 on exploration and disposition of potassium; H. R. 2622, to authorize loans for Indians; S. 1941, private Indian bill; S. 1687, to confer jurisdiction on courts of New York with respect to civil actions between Indians or to which Indians are parties, with amendment; S. 1686, to provide for settlement of certain obligations of U. S. to New York Indians; H. R. 4725, to confer jurisdiction on the several States over offenses committed by or against Indians on Indian reservations, with amendment; H. R. 1113, to emancipate U. S. Indians in certain cases, with amendment; and S. 1933, to convey certain lands to School District 55 in Roosevelt County, Mont.

INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: On April 17 Subcommittee on Indian Affairs met in executive session on calendar bills.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: J. H. Dewitt, engineer for CCBS, and vice president of WSM at Nashville, testified further in opposition to S. 2231, to limit power of radio-broadcast stations. Committee adjourned until Friday.

FOOD AND DRUG ACT

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: On Saturday, subcommittee on S. 1190 and H. R. 4071, to

amend the Food and Drug Act, heard testimony from Representative Miller of Connecticut; C. W. Crawford, Food and Drug Administration, FSA; Charles Wesley Dunn, attorney from New York City; G. Cullen Thomas, General Mills, Inc.; E. W. Morrison, Morrison Milling Co., Denton, Tex.; Charles G. McClave, Montana Flour Mills, Great Falls, Mont.; and Leslie A. Ford, Shawnee Milling Co., Shawnee, Okla. This concludes the hearing.

FISH AND WILDLIFE

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee held hearings on Friday, April 16, on various bills which are enumerated below together with the witnesses testifying on each:

H. R. 3505, to rehabilitate oyster beds; testifying were Senator Stennis; Representative Domengeaux; Harry T. Gamble, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; and W. Ford Reese, New Orleans.

S. 1735, to establish migratory waterfowl zones in Montana; testifying were Senator Ecton and Representative D'Ewart.

S. 2199, to amend Migratory Bird Treaty Act; testifying were: L. H. McCants, Washington State Duck Hunters Association; William P. Caubu, Duck Hunters Association of California; Don W. Clarke, Washington State Game Department; Seth Gordon, International Association of Game, Fish, and Conservation Commissioners, Harrisburg; Emil N. Ott, Jr., California Fish and Game Commission; and C. R. Gutermuth, Wildlife Management Institute, Washington, D. C.

H. R. 107, to acquire land in California for wildlife management and control; testifying: Senator Downey; Representatives Lea and Phillips of California; and Messrs. Ott and Gordon mentioned above in connection

with S. 2199.

S. 1979, authorizing studies of soft-shell clam; testifying: Representatives Tollefson and Hale; Raymond C. Bressler, Rhode Island Agriculture and Conservation Department; Dr. Harold W. Browning, Rhode Island State College; Dr. Charles J. Fish, formerly of Rhode Island State College; Dr. Lewis Radcliffe, Oyster Institute of N. A.; F. N. Blount, Warren, R. I.; and Harry J. Turner, Jr., biologist, Woods Hole, Mass.

TIDELANDS, EQUAL STATUS, ELECTIONS, AND PRIVATE CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session the committee approved for reporting nine private claims bills, the following without amendment: H. R. 761, 762, 1667, 2728, 3113, and 3328; approved with amendment, H. R. 550, 1308, and 3089.

The nominations of Julius J. Wickser, Indiana, and Frank Golden, Nebraska, to be U. S. marshals in Indiana and Nebraska, respectively, were favorably approved.

The committee discussed joint resolutions (S. J. Res. 76 and 67) on equal status and equal rights for women, but final vote was held over until a later date.

Proposed legislation on quieting titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams was up for discussion, but action was held over, and committee agreed to meet on this subject again on Wednesday.

S. J. Res. 200, proposing to amend the Constitution relative to the election of the President and Vice President, was also considered but no final action was taken.

WOMEN'S STATUS

Committee on the Judiciary: On Friday, April 16, sub-committee on S. J. Res. 67, commission to study the legal status of women, heard the following proponent witnesses: Rachel Nason, on behalf of Frieda Miller, Women's Bureau, Department of Labor; Helen Blanchard, national CIO director of organization of women's auxiliaries; Mrs. Sarah V. Sollars, National Consumers League; Mrs. Joseph Low, National Council of Jewish Women; Joseph Kovner, American Civil Liberties Union; Mary N. Winslow, National Women's Trade-Union League; Mrs. Ralph A. Young, National Committee on Status of Women; Marjorie Temple, American Association of University Women; Mrs. Kathryn Stone, National League of Women Voters; and Selma Borchardt, AFL

On Saturday, April 17, subcommittee concluded hearing on the bill with the following opponents testifying on behalf of various women's organizations: Mrs. Lulu E. Powell, Miss Elizabeth V. Franzoni, Dr. Margaret Nicholson, Miss Jane Todd, Miss Olive H. Houston, Mrs. Evelyn Baker Richman, Dr. Helen Gladys Kain, Mrs. Adda Lutz Ferguson, Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, Mrs.

Nina Horton Avery, Mrs. Mary Murray, Miss Mady Wackl, Mrs. Virginia Starr Freedom, Miss Helen Elizabeth Brown, Mrs. Leslie B. Wright, Miss Edith Goode, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Ray, Mrs. George T. Vickers, Mrs. Meta Grace Keebler, Mrs. Dorothy Matthews Spinks, Miss Dorothy Ashby Moncure, Mrs. Alice M. Kachadourian, Mrs. Lucia Hadley, Mrs. Helena Hill Weed, Miss Virginia Grace Lotz, Miss Gertrude Crocker, Mrs. Rudolph Vincenti, Mrs. Dorothy G. Ogle, Miss Anna Pollitzer, and Mrs. Ethel D. McKinney. Senator Capper also testified.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Labor opened hearings on all bills pending before it proposing amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act (a total of 14 bills), receiving testimony from William R. McComb, Administrator, Harry Weiss, Wage Determination and Economic Branch, both of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Division, and Harold Nystrom, Solicitor's office—all of the Department of Labor, on the general subject of amending the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TVA

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control received testimony from T. J. Hitch, president, Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, in opposition to S. 1277, to amend comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and organization of the Authority, and placing it on an equal basis with other Government agencies. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Four public bills, H. R. 6267–6270; two private bills, H. R. 6271 and 6272; and one resolution, H. Res. 544, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 5272, relating to the compensation of certain railway postal clerks (H. Rept. 1752); and

H. Res. 522, directing the Secretary of Commerce to transmit to the House of Representatives a certain letter with respect to Dr. Edward U. Condon (H. Rept. 1753).

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Cuban Liberation: Pursuant to H. Con Res. 184 the House met with the Senate in joint session and conducted services commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the liberation of Cuba.

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Committee Meetings

PRICE SUPPORT

Committee on Agriculture: On Friday, April 16, the committee unanimously approved H. R. 6248, extending the Government price-support program until June 30, 1950.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Opened the second week of hearings on its study of selective-service legislation, with opposition witnesses being heard by the committee for the third day. The following appeared Friday, April 16: Dr. C. A. Thomas, president, National Chemical Society; Dr. Norman Shepard, Manufacturing Chemists Association; George Harper, National Conference of Methodist Youth; E. Raymond Wilson,

chairman, National Friends Committee; Rev. Dutton Peterson, New York State Council of Churches; Jesse O. Dedman, secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Elizabeth A. Smart, National Woman's Christian Temperance Union; Rev. Donald Harrington, secretary, New Jersey Council Against Conscription; Paul H. Robbins, executive director, National Society of Professional Engineers; and Hamilton Long, writer and lecturer.

Saturday's witnesses were: C. M. Richards, War Resisters League; W. Harold Row, secretary, Church of the Brethren; Frederick J. Libby, National Council for Prevention of War; Patricia Mallory, Greater Philadelphia Council Against Conscription; Rev. Albert Gaeddert, Mennonite Central Committee; and George F.

Zook, American Council on Education.

Appearing at today's session were: Russell Thackeray, secretary, Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities; Grant Reynolds, national chairman, Committee Against Jim Crow in Military Service and Training; Joseph W. Reilly, Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Council; Miss Fern M. Colborn, legislative representative, Board of Christian Education; Nathan E. Cowan, legislative director, Congress of Industrial Organizations; and Ora Huston, National Service Board for Religious Objectors. Hearings continue tomorrow.

CREDIT UNION—CCC CHARTER

Committee on Banking and Currency: J. T. Sanders, legislative counsel, the National Grange, and Charles Crofton, representing North American Export Grain Association, testified in favor of the general provisions of H. R. 6214, providing for a Federal charter and to extend the life of Commodity Credit Corporation, at the hearings today.

On April 16, at hearings on the same bills, H. E. Sanford, chairman, National Grain Trade Council, presented certain views of the grain industry. The committee also considered S. 2225, to transfer the administration of the Federal Credit Union Act from the FDIC to the Federal Security Agency, and heard Hubert M. Rhodes, Credit Union National Association.

Hearings on both of these measures will be held tomorrow.

RENT CONTROL—DAYLIGHT SAVING

Committee on the District of Columbia: Ordered favorably reported to the House, S. 1481, to provide daylight saving in the District of Columbia, and S. 2195, extending rent control in the District of Columbia until March 31, 1949. Both of these measures were amended by the committee.

LABOR EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Labor: The McCowen subcommittee continued to hold hearings on H. R. 6202, establishing in the Department of Labor a Labor Education Extension Service to promote the welfare of wage

earners through a program for the dissemination of useful information, and heard its final group of witnesses: Eleanor G. Coit, director, American Labor Education Service; H. H. Verdier, Foremen's Club, Philadelphia; Dr. Milburn L. Wilson, Agricultural Extension Service; Arthur Elder, director, Workers Educational Service, University of Michigan; and Paul Sifton, National Committee for the Extension of Labor Education.

On the same measure, Friday, April 16, testimony was received from Carl R. Woodward, president, Rhode Island State College; Selma Borchardt, American Federation of Teachers, AFL; Earle Brooks, secretary, School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University; and Spencer Miller, former director of the Workers' Education Bureau.

GAO-LABOR DEPARTMENT-HOUSING

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Subcommittee on Procurements and Buildings continued its study on GAO audit of wartime railroad freight vouchers, in an executive meeting. Continues study tomorrow.

The Hoffman subcommittee heard statements from John T. Kmetz, Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Katherine Dillard, Dallas News, Dallas, Tex., in its endeavor to investigate alleged dissemination of propaganda by an employee of the Labor Department in

Dallas, Tex. Hearings continue tomorrow.

On April 15 and 16, the Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda heard testimony from Representative Fletcher of California; J. Robert Brown, subcommittee investigator; and John Taylor Egan, commissioner, Public Housing Administration, on charges of misconduct and corruption on the part of officials of the Public Housing Authority in San Diego, Calif.

UN-AMERICAN CURBS

Committee on House Administration: On April 16, the Subcommittee on Elections heard Ernest Albright, of Oklahoma, who spoke on behalf of H. R. 4482, to bar un-American parties from the election ballot. Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

TRANSPORTATION—RAILWAY SAFETY

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Heard the sponsors of the following bills, presently pending before the committee: Representative Boggs of Louisiana, on H. R. 6011, amending the Railroad Retirement Act relative to certain annuities; Representative McCormack on H. R. 6132, information concerning petroleum products and natural gas; and Representative Lea, on H. R. 6164, amending the Interstate Commerce Act and Civil Aeronautics Act, so as to penalize black marketing of transportation tickets.

On April 16, committee heard further witnesses on its transportation survey with testimony offered by Col. Alvin H. Barber, manager, transportation department, U. S. Chamber of Commerce; John V. Lawrence, managing director, American Trucking Associations, Inc.; Henry H. Buckman, consulting engineer, National Rivers and Harbors Congress; Robert E. Kline, counsel, sea air committee, National Federation of American Shipping, Inc.; and Giles Morrow, general counsel, Freight Forwarders Institute, all of Washington, D. C.

On the same day, the committee also considered H. R. 4092, to promote the safety and health of employees engaged in baggage, mail, or express-train service in interstate commerce, with testimony being received from the following opposition witnesses: J. M. Hood, president, American Shortline Railroad Association, Washington, D. C.; Gregory S. Prince, assistant general solicitor, Association of American Railroads, Washington, D. C.; C. I. Clugh, assistant chief of motor power, Pennsylvania Railroad; C. F. Rank, manager, mail, baggage, and express traffic, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Co.; and J. W. Rada, manager, mail, baggage, and express traffic, Illinois Central Railroad. Heard one proponent witness, Hartman Barber, general representative, Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees, Washington, D. C.

PROBATIONERS—IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 3 heard Henry P. Chandler, director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, and Aaron E. Gottschall, representing the Department of Justice, in support of H. R. 2766, which proposes to amend the Federal probation system by permitting transfer of jurisdiction over probationers from one district to another. The bill was ordered favorably reported to the full committee.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization heard the following witnesses in support of H. R. 5004, to provide the privilege of becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States to all immigrants having a legal right to permanent residence, and to make immigration quotas available to Asiatic and Pacific peoples: Representative Judd (author of the bill); Delegate Farrington; former Ambassador to Japan, Joseph C. Grew; and W. Walton Butterworth, Director, Office of Far Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

TUNNEL—COPPER

Committee on Public Lands: The Subcommittee on Public Lands held hearings on H. R. 6056, to permit right-of-way for railroad purposes through Federal lands in Richmond County, N. Y., in connection with improvement of municipal ferry facilities. Representative Buck testified in favor of the measure, and Clinton F. Lloyd, engineer of New York City, answered questions on the subject for committee members.

On April 16, the Subcommittee on Mines and Mining further considered its study of critical and strategic minerals and metals, with the following representatives of the copper industry testifying: Fletcher Plumley, representing Vermont Copper, Strafford, Vt.; William Lynch, New York representative, Calumet & Hecla Con-

solidated Copper Co.; Richard P. Newlin, assistant vice president in charge of mining operations, Anaconda Copper Co., New York City; Jesse L. Maury, representing Isle Royale Copper Co.; and Plato Malozemoff, representing Magna Copper Co. Adjourned, subject to call of the Chair.

FLOOD CONTROL—STEEL SCRAP

Committee on Public Works: The Subcommittee on Flood Control met in executive session and reviewed the omnibus flood-control bill, approving same for consideration by the full committee tomorrow in executive session.

The Macy Subcommittee To Investigate Questionable Trade Practices opened hearings on the subject of inducing prompt action on the part of the Departments of Commerce, State, and Army in securing from Germany steel scrap which is critically short in the United States.

The following witnesses testified: Leroy Green, American Iron & Steel Institute; Edward Barringer, Institute of Scrap Iron and Steel; Myron L. Chase, Industrial member of scrap iron and steel mission to Germany; F. M. Darr, Chief, Traffic Division, Maritime Commission; J. L. Tappin, special assistant to Secretary of Commerce; Karl Anderson, Assistant Chief, International Resources Division, Department of State; Major General Cook, Deputy Director of Logistics Section, Army General Staff; and Richard Bonomo, scrap dealer.

WAC, WAVES-COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee on Rules: Heard Chairman Andrews of the Committee on Armed Services, who favored a resolution providing consideration for S. 1641, an act to authorize the enlistment and appointment of women in the Reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps. No action was taken on the resolution.

Also heard Representative Hoffman, chairman of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departpartments, who favored granting a rule providing consideration for H. J. Res. 342, directing all executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government to make available to any and all standing, special or select committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, information which may be deemed necessary to enable them to properly perform the duties delegated to them by the Congress. No action was taken on the resolution.

TAXATION—SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: In executive session, continued its consideration of general tax revisions and discussed revision proposals offered by members of the staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation.

The Subcommittee on Social Security continued study of social-security legislation in an executive meeting:

Both studies continue tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

CREDIT CONTROL

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: Committee held a hearing on Friday, April 16, on the general problem of credit control, receiving testimony from John J. Roe, president, Union Trust Co., Cleveland. Committee adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D253)

S. 805, authorizing an appropriation for the construction, extension, and improvement of a high-school building near Roosevelt, Utah. Signed April 15, 1948 (P. L. 481);

S. 1306, relating to the construction and disposition of the San Jacinto-San Vicente aqueduct. Signed April 15, 1948 (P. L. 482);

S. 1581, time extension for installment payments to Newark, N. J., on purchase of Port Newark Army base. Signed April 15, 1948 (P. L. 483);

S. 1799, relating to illegal wearing of the U. S. service uniforms in all places within U. S. jurisdiction. Signed April 15, 1948 (P. L. 484);

H. R. 3569, chapel and library for Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N. Y. Signed April 17, 1948 (P. L. 485);

S. 2081, extending the provisions of the Federal Airport Act to Virgin Islands. Signed April 17, 1948 (P. L. 486).

Tuesday, April 20, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate overrode President's veto on newspaper-vendor bill, and continued work on housing measure.

D. C. rent-control bill and 71 calendar measures were passed by House. House Rules Committee cleared WAC-WAVE integration bill for House action.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Nineteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2515 to S. 2533; S. Con. Res. 51; and S. Res. 225.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Private bills: H. R. 550, 761, 762, 2728, 3113, and 3328 (S. Repts. 1130 through 1135);

S. 2518, to amend UN Participation Act of 1945, and for appointment of U. S. representatives to UN (S. Rept. 1136);

S. 1687, to confer jurisdiction on courts of New York with respect to civil actions between Indians or to which Indians are parties, with amendments (S. Rept. 1137);

S. 1933, to convey certain lands to School District 55 in Roosevelt County, Mont., with amendments (S. Rept. 1138);

S. 1686, to provide for settlement of certain obligations of U. S. to New York Indians (S. Rept. 1139);

S. 1941, private Indian bill (S. Rept. 1140);

H. R. 1113, to emancipate U. S. Indians in certain cases, with amendment (S. Rept. 1141);

H. R. 4725, to confer jurisdiction on the several States over offenses committed by or against Indians on Indian reservations, with amendment (S. Rept. 1142);

S. 1050, relative to distribution of payments from potassium leases under act of October 2, 1917 (S. Rept. 1143);

S. 1925, to convey certain land to Pierre, S. Dak. (S. Rept. 1144);

H. J. Res. 242, private bill (S. Rept. 1145);

S. 1448, to sell and lease certain houses, apartments, and lands in Boulder City, Nev., with amendments (S. Rept. 1146);

H. R. 2622, to authorize loans for Indians (S. Rept.

H R 1667 private bill

H. R. 1667, private bill (S. Rept. 1148);

H. R. 3089, private bill (S. Rept. 1149); H. R. 1308, private bill (S. Rept. 1150);

S. 2385, national science foundation bill, with amendments (S. Rept. 1151); and

S. Res. 224, providing funds for Committee on Armed Services (no written report).

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Treaties Reported: Protocol for extension until October 1, 1948, of Inter-American coffee agreement (Executive A, 80th Cong., 2d sess.; Ex. Rept. 3); and

Protocol dated in London August 29, 1947, prolonging until August 1, 1948, international agreement on regulation of production and marketing of sugar (Executive C, 80th Cong., 2d sess.; Ex. Rept. 4).

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Presidential Veto: By a vote of 77 yeas to 7 nays, Senate overrode President's veto of H. R. 5052, to exclude certain vendors of newspapers or magazines from certain provisions of the Social Security Act and Internal Revenue Code. The bill is now Public Law 492 of Eightieth Congress.

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Housing: Senate continued consideration of S. 866, to establish and carry out a national housing policy, adopting the following amendments to the Taft amendment by voice vote: By Senator Saltonstall, permitting State and Federal cooperation in loans for public housing, as modified by Senator Tobey's amendment requiring approval of contracts for financial assistance for projects entered into before January 1, 1949; by Senator McCarthy, prohibiting discrimination in low-rent housing against families receiving public assistance and requiring selection of tenants according to need; and by Senator McCarthy, permitting Public Housing Authority to sue to recover possession of property rented. Senator Cain's motion to strike out title 6, covering low-rent housing, remained pending at recess.

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Social Security: Report to Committee on Finance by Advisory Council on Social Security, relating to oldage and survivors' insurance, was ordered printed as S. Doc. 149.

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Printing: S. Res. 225, printing of additional copies of parts 4 and 10 of report by Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business, was adopted.

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Confirmations: Six civilian nominations were confirmed, including that of Nellie Tayloe Ross, Wyoming, to be Director of the Mint.

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Nominations: Received 12 civilian nominations, including the following reappointments to the Atomic Energy Commission: David E. Lilienthal, Sumner T. Pike, Lewis L. Strauss, William W. Waymack, and Robert F. Bacher. Also received 15 military nominations, and 57 postmasters; 1 previous postmaster nomination was withdrawn.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Further testimony was received by the committee on S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural pro-

gram, from the following witnesses who expressed their views on long-range farm program: J. M. Jones, secretary, and J. B. Wilson, legislative chairman, both of National Wool Growers Association, Salt Lake City; Frank W. Taylor, secretary-manager, Northwest Horticultural Council, Wenatchee, Wash.; and Favor R. Smith, executive secretary, Long Island Agricultural Council, Riverhead, N. Y. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FIRST DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee concluded hearings on H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriations, after receiving testimony from Government officials for their respective agencies, on funds for the VA, Army Engineers, Treasury on items including refunds of taxes and draw-backs of customs, and National Mediation Board on change in language. Subcommittee is expected to begin marking up bill on Thursday.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee began hearings on H. R. 5883, Agriculture Appropriation Bill, receiving testimony in support of funds for the Department of Agriculture generally from departmental officers, and for the various divisions of the Department from division officers, accompanied in each case by their assistants, as follows: N. E. Dodd, Under Secretary of Agriculture; W. A. Minor, Assistant Secretary; W. A. Jump, Director of Finance and Budget Officer; T. Roy Reid, Director of Personnel; O. V. Wells, Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Economics; E. A. Meyer, Administrator, Research and Marketing Act; Keith Himebaugh, Director of Information; Ralph R. Shaw, Librarian; R. W. Trullinger, Chief, Office of Experiment Stations; Fred J. Rossiter, Associate Director, Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations; Dr. B. T. Simms, Chief, Bureau of Animal Industry; and Dr. R. M. Salter, Chief, Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils, and Agricultural Engineering. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PARAPLEGIC HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: The following witnesses appeared before the committee to testify in support of H. R. 4244, to authorize assistance in acquiring specially adapted housing for paraplegic veterans: Four paraplegic veterans (David F. Reiniger, Kermit B. McDonald, Bernard E. Shufelt, and Joseph Kane); Charles Foster, assistant national legislative director of DAV; Charles W. Stevens, assistant director of national rehabilitation committee, American Legion; Robert E. McLaughlin, national legislative director, AMVETS; and Jack Carter, VFW.

Committee meets tomorrow on SEC nomination.

MUNITIONS CONTROL ACT

Committee on Foreign Relations: In executive session the committee discussed the proposed Munitions Con-

trol Act explained in the President's message of April 15, 1947 (H. Doc. 195, 80th Cong., 1st sess.). After the meeting it was announced that there was an exploration of the subject with Assistant Secretary of State Charles E. Saltzman, and W. John Kenney, Under Secretary of the Navy, a member of the Munitions Board.

UNIFORM TIME

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee held hearings on S. 2041, to require that standard times fixed in all statutory time zones be used in connection with all businesses affecting commerce, and S. 2226, to save daylight and to provide uniform time for the U. S., receiving testimony from a number of witnesses in support of uniform time throughout the U. S., but with divided opinions over the question of daylight-saving time.

The following witnesses appeared in opposition to the daylight-saving provisions of Senator Reed's bill, S. 2226: J. T. Sanders, legislative counsel, National Grange; James D. King, Farm Bureau Federation; A. Julian Brylawski, Theatre Owners of America; and

James Garrett, a farmer of Rockville, Md.

The other witnesses appearing include: Delegate Bartlett of Alaska; Clyde B. Aitchison, ICC Commissioner; W. R. Triem, Association of American Railroads; J. M. Hood, president, American Shortline Railroad Association; A. D. Willard, National Association of Broadcasters; Earl Gammons, CBS; E. B. Craney, KXLF, Butte; Jack G. Scott, National Association of

Motor Bus Operators; Frank W. Morrison, attorney, Whitinsville, Mass.; and Gene Juster, NBC.

This concludes the hearings.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Public Lands met in executive session on pending bills. Action taken by the subcommittee will be reported to the full committee at its next meeting.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Continuing hearings on bills proposing amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act (a total of 14 such bills are pending before the subcommittee), the Subcommittee on Labor heard Walter J. Mason, legislative representative, Boris Shishkin, economist, and Lazare Teper, assistant to the president, all of the AFL, express their views on the general subject of amending the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TVA

Committee on Public Works: Gordon Clapp, Chairman, TVA, began his testimony in opposition to S. 1277, to amend comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and organization of the Authority, pointing out that the objective of his appearance before the subcommittee is to demonstrate that the administration of the TVA is successfully carrying out the purposes for which it was created. He continues his testimony on Thursday.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twelve public bills, H. R. 6273–6284; three private bills, H. R. 6285–6287; and three resolutions, H. Res. 545, H. J. Res. 378, and H. Con. Res. 185, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 4682, increasing time in which claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act may be presented to Federal agencies or prosecuted in U. S. district courts (H. Rept. 1754);

H. Res. 545, providing consideration and limiting debate to 2 hours on S. 1641, an act to authorize the enlistment and appointment of women in the Reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps (H. Rept. 1755);

Disposition of executive papers (H. Rept. 1756);

S. Con. Res. 46, authorizing printing of 10,000 additional copies of S. Rept. 986, on labor-management relations (H. Rept. 1757);

H. Con. Res. 129, authorizing an investigation regarding establishment of civil governments for our island possessions in the Pacific, by a joint committee of Senate and House Public Lands Committees (H. Rept. 1758);

Four private bills: S. 182, 576, 981, and 1164 (H. Repts.

1759-1762, respectively);

S. 1298, validating payments heretofore made by disbursing officers of the U. S. Government covering cost of shipment of houshold effects of civilian employees (H. Rept. 1763);

Eight private bills: S. 1630, 1806, 1875; H. R. 633, 2634, 2688, 3984, and 6184 (H. Repts. 1764-1771, respec-

tively); and

Investigation of State Department transfer of relief funds to the (Luckman) Citizens' Food Committee (H. Rept. 1772).

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Printing: Adopted S. Con. Res. 46, providing for printing 10,000 additional copies of S. Rept. 986, on labor-management relations.

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Copyrights: Agreed to Senate amendment to H. R. 4931, amending title 17 of the U. S. Code entitled "Copyrights," to increase fee, thus clearing the bill for the President.

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Private Calendar: On the call of bills on the Private Calendar, 24 bills were passed as follows:

Cleared for the President: S. 329, 936, 1263, and 1312. Sent to Senate without amendment: H. R. 706, 2785, 2897, 3006, 3965, 4381, and 4484.

Sent to Senate, amended: S. 608, 714; H. R. 838, 851, 926, 2064, 2193, 2732, 2918, 3114, 3358, 4199, and 6224.

Passed over without prejudice: S. 1142, H. R. 1801, and 3983.

Consent Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Consent Calendar:

Cleared for the President-

Fort Sumter: S. J. Res. 94, establishing Fort Sumter National Memorial in South Carolina.

Indians: S. J. Res. 189, passed in lieu of H. J. Res. 329, providing for issuance of special postage stamp in honor of Five Civilized Tribes of Indians in Oklahoma.

Navy Department: S. J. Res. 207, providing for commemoration of sesquicentennial anniversary of establishment of Department of Navy.

Gambling: S. 560, prohibiting operation of gambling ships.

Fort Peck Tribe: S. 1021, authorizing payment of expenses of certain personnel appointed by Fort Peck General Council.

Minnesota: S. 1304, to coin 50-cent pieces in commemoration of one hundredth anniversary of organizing Minnesota as a Territory.

Apache Indians. S. 1468, providing for payment of \$50 to members of Mescalero Apache Indian Tribe.

Maryland University: S. 1583, conveyance of parcel of land for use of University of Maryland.

Hawaii: S. 1696, extending district court jurisdiction of Hawaii.

Public Lands Sale: S. 2278, passed in lieu of H. R. 5763, authorizing sale of lands in San Juan County, Utah, to Southwest Indian Mission, Inc.

Sent to the Senate without amendment—

Spanish-American War: H. J. Res. 333, to coin 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the termination of war with Spain.

Irrigation Station: H. J. Res. 354, providing for disposition of Government irrigation experiment station at Bard, Calif., and the establishment in lieu thereof of a similar station at or near Brawley, Calif.

Wildlife: H. R. 3578, reducing area of Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Mass.

Hawaii: H. R. 3635, ratifying joint resolution of Legislature of Hawaii.

Hawaiian Revenue: H. R. 3954, approving Act 74 of Hawaiian Legislature.

Hawaii: H. R. 4091, ratifying Act 237 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1947.

Cape Hatteras: H. R. 4551, adding surplus Government lands to Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area project.

Navajo Indians: H. R. 4642, providing for disposition and use of tribal funds of Navajo Tribe of Indians.

Coast Guard: H. R. 4804, allowing service credit for enlisted men of Coast Guard who performed certain duties.

Coast Guard: H. R. 4817, extending time during which U. S. Coast Guard might continue temporary appointments of commissioned officers.

Claim Settlements: H. R. 5040, limiting to 6 months the time for filing claims against United States under section 17 of Contract Settlement Act of 1944.

C. & O. Canal: H. R. 5155, authorizing joint survey by Public Roads Administration and National Park Service of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal.

Hawaiian Housing: H. R. 5173, designating certain public lands as available home lands.

Cane Sugar: H. R. 5174, authorizing CCC to make adjustment payments to certain producers of cane sugar in Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

Hawaiian Bonds: H. R. 5175, ratifying Act 205 of Hawaiian Legislature relative to issuance of Hawaiian public improvement bonds.

Bravery Medal: H. R. 5434, authorizing the Attorney General of U. S. to recognize and award to certain young Americans the Young American Medal for Bravery.

Newsprint: H. R. 5553, extending until July 1, 1949, the period during which 9-inch newsprint may be imported duty-free.

Mississippi River Parkway: H. R. 5609, authorizing survey of a proposed Mississippi River Parkway.

National Park: H. R. 5816, amending the act providing for the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park.

National Park: H. R. 5822, establishing the Saratoga National Historical Park in New York.

War Dead Escorts: H. R. 5870, providing increased allowances for the escorts of repatriated war dead.

Military: H. R. 6039, authorizing permanent appointment of two generals, one in the Regular Army and one in the Regular Air Force.

Sent to Senate, amended-

Soldiers Homes: H. R. 1562, increasing the amount of Federal aid to State homes for disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States.

Crow Indians: H. R. 2352, providing for sale of interests in estates of deceased Crow Tribe Indians.

West Point, N. Y.: H. R. 2359, providing for construction of water-filtration plant on West Point military reservation.

Hawaiian Housing: H. R. 3633, designating certain public lands as available home lands.

Hawaiian Homes: H. R. 3680, amending Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.

Fish Propagation: H. R. 3785, authorizing Minnesota to condemn certain United States lands for fish propagation.

Fort Peck, Mont.: H. R. 4201, authorizing payments to school district serving Fort Peck project in Montana.

Northeastern Teachers College: H. R. 4512, conveying lands to State of Oklahoma for use of Northeastern Teachers College.

Coast Guard: H. R. 4892, relative to retirement pay of officers who have served as assistant commandants or engineers in chief of the United States Coast Guard.

Boulder City, Nev.: H. R. 4966, directing Secretary of Interior to sell and lease certain houses, apartments, and lands in Boulder City, Nev.

Veterans' Homesteads: H. R. 5244, credits in connection with homestead interests of certain World War II veterans.

Indian Lands: H. R. 5262, authorizing sale of certain Indian lands.

South Dakota: H. R. 5651, authorizing conveyance of certain lands in South Dakota for municipal or public purposes.

Irrigation Charges: H. R. 5669, providing for adjustment of irrigation charges on Flathead Indian irrigation project, Montana.

Road Conveyance: H. R. 5839, authorizing conveyance to States of roads leading to certain historical areas.

D. C. Rent Control: By unanimous consent the House considered and passed S. 2195, continuing rent control in the District of Columbia until March 31, 1949, after adopting an amendment, offered by Mr. Curtis, designed to prevent the furnishing of apartments, rooms, etc., for the obvious reason of raising the prior rental ceiling.

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Private Bill: Adopted conference report on H. R. 1799, a private bill, clearing it for Presidential action.

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Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House: Mr. Goodwin, on industry's multi-billion-dollar problem; Mr. Crawford, on matters generally pertaining to our insular possessions and especially Puerto Rico; Mr. Murray of Wisconsin discussed oleomargarine and butter.

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Committee Meetings

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Heard witnesses speak in opposition to selective-service legislation as follows: Norman Thomas, Postwar World Council; Mrs. Alexander Stewart, Women's Committee To Oppose Conscription; Roland Wates, Workers Defense League; Alonzo F. Myers, National Council Against Conscription; J. T. Sanders, National Grange; and Dr. Carl Flagstad, American Dental Association. Hearings continue tomorrow.

CREDIT UNION—CCC CHARTER

Committee on Banking and Currency: Ordered S. 2225 reported to the House. This measure would transfer the administration of the Federal Credit Union Act from the FDIC to the Federal Security Agency.

Later, in an executive meeting, the committee considered H. R. 6214, providing a Federal charter for the Commodity Credit Corporation. Took no action, and will continue on same subject tomorrow.

D. C. REVENUE

Committee on the District of Columbia: The Subcommittee on Fiscal Affairs considered S. 2409, to amend the D. C. Revenue Act to exempt certain business transactions from franchise tax. Vernon E. West, District Corporation Counsel, testified in the executive meeting on the measure; and Gibbs L. Baker, representing the U. S. Rubber Co., who opposed certain provisions of the bill, was also heard.

The bill was ordered reported to the full committee, with amendments.

ST. ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL

Committee on Education and Labor: The Subcommittee on Institutions held an executive session on H. R. 4552, authorizing the voluntary admission and treatment of D. C. residents as mental patients at St. Elizabeths Hospital, in Washington, D. C. No action was taken on the bill.

LABOR NEWS-GAO AUDIT

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Hoffman subcommittee in its inquiry as to the authorship or dissemination of Talk No. 220, an armed forces publication dealing with the subject of organized labor in this country, received testimony from Lt. Gen. Raymond S. McLain, Chief of Information, and Brig. Gen. C. T. Lanham, Chief, Troop Information and Education, both of whom represented the Department of the Army; and Sidney K. Levy, an employee of the Journal of Commerce, Washington, D. C., the author of the original extract under discussion.

The Subcommittee on Procurements and Buildings further considered its study on the GAO audit of wartime railroad freight vouchers, in an executive meeting. Continues study tomorrow.

AVIATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Held hearings on H. R. 6144, providing for coordination of aviation policy, to improve the administration of the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, and to set up an independent Office of Air Safety, with testimony being received from the following: Stuart G. Tipton, general counsel, and Robert Ramspeck, executive vice president,

both of the Air Transport Association of America, Washington, D. C.; A. B. McMullen, executive director, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Washington, D. C.; Garrison Norton, Assistant Secretary of State for Transport and Communications, State Department; and Joseph J. O'Connell, Jr., Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board. Continue hearings tomorrow.

DISPLACED PERSONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered favorably reported to the House H. R. 6251, a private immigration bill, and held an executive discussion on H. R. 6163, the "Displaced persons" bill.

MIGRATORY BIRDS—LAND EXCHANGES

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service; Don W. Clarke, Fish and Game Commission, State of Washington; and William P. Caubu, secretary, Western Migratory Bird Game Conference, testified before the Subcommittee on Conservation of Wildlife Resources in its hearings on H. R. 5493 and 5579, similar measures to amend the Migatory Bird Treaty Act by creating a Migratory Game Bird Advisory Committee, and providing that regulations adopted pursuant to the treaty act shall be based on conditions existing within the area or flyway for which adopted. H. R. 6030, to authorize the exchange of wildlife refuge lands within the State of Washington, was also considered. Representatives Phillips and Anderson of California spoke on the first-mentioned measures, while Representative Jackson of Washington favored H. R. 6030, of which he is sponsor. Meeting adjourned, subject to call of the Chair.

VETERANS—SENIORITY

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The Vursell subcommittee considered and ordered favorably reported to the full committee the following bills:

S. 1493, to give Civil Service Commission final decision as to eligibility under the Veterans' Preference Act;

H. R. 4917, providing further benefits for World War II veterans who are Federal employees and lost opportunity for probational civil-service appointments due to military service or service-connected disabilities; and

H. R. 4964, to preserve seniority rights of 10-pointpreference eligibles, resulting from certain transfers in the postal service.

FLOOD CONTROL—RIVERS AND HARBORS

Committee on Public Works: In an executive meeting, the committee approved proposed projects and survey provisions recommended by the Subcommittees on Rivers and Harbors, and Flood Control, to be included in the omnibus bill for 1948, and directed the chairman of the committee to draw up the omnibus measure for consideration of the House.

In an afternoon session, the committee considered a report from the Macy subcommittee on questionable trade practices.

PACIFIC ISLANDS—CONTEMPT CITATION—WOMEN RESERVES

Committee on Rules: Ordered favorably reported, as amended, H. Con. Res. 129, creating a joint committee composed of members of the House and Senate Public Lands Committees to investigate our Pacific island possessions and trust territories for the purpose of recommending legislation establishing civil government. Heard Chairman Welch and Representative Crawford, who spoke in favor of the resolution.

Took no action on H. Res. 495, to rescind the contempt citation against Joseph P. Kamp, vice chairman of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. Representative Church testified in favor of the measure.

In executive session, the committee reported a rule providing for 2 hours' general debate followed by amendment consideration, on S. 1641, authorizing enlistment and appointment of women in the Reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

VETERANS' BILLS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Met in executive session to consider various pending bills. Will continue tomorrow.

TAXATION—SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: In executive session, continued its consideration of general tax revisions and discussed revision proposals offered by members of the staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation. Continues on same subject tomorrow.

The Subcommittee on Social Security continued study of social-security legislation in an executive meeting.

Joint Committee Meetings

NAVAJO INDIANS

Joint Meeting: Subcommittees on Indian Affairs of Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and House Public Lands Committee met jointly to receive testimony on S. 2363, Navajo Indian rehabilitation bill, from Secretary of Interior Krug; J. M. Stewart, Superintendent of the Navajo Reservation; Edwin Flory, Director of Soil Conservation, and Edward Poynton, Director of Construction, both of the Indian Service; and Dr. Ralph Snavely, Bureau of Indian Affairs—all of the Department of Interior. Hearings continue tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D267)

H. R. 4572, to amend the D. C. Traffic Act to provide for learners' permits. Signed April 20, 1948 (P. L. 487);

H. R. 4636, to regulate the practice of the healing art to protect the public health in D. C. Signed April 20, 1948 (P. L. 488);

H. R. 4649, to provide that compensation of members of ABC Board of D. C. be fixed in accordance with Classification Act of 1923. Signed April 20, 1948 (P. L. 489);

H. R. 4739, permitting free entry of exposed X-ray film. Signed April 20, 1948 (P. L. 490);

H. R. 5214, independent offices appropriations.

Signed April 20, 1948 (P. L. 491); and

H. R. 5052, to exclude certain vendors of newspapers or magazines from certain provisions of the Social Security Act and Internal Revenue Code, over President's veto (P. L. 492).

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate rejected amendment to strike out section of bill on public low-rent housing.

WAC-WAVE status bill sent to conference by House. Armed Services Committee approved 11 military bills.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2534 to S. 2541.

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Bill Reported: Report was made as follows: S. 1062, private bill (S. Rept. 1152).

Bills Referred: 55 House-passed bills, passed on April 20, were referred to appropriate committees. Page 4667

D. C. Rent Control: Senate disagreed to House amendments to S. 2195, to continue rent control in the D. C. until March 31, 1949, asked for a conference, and the following conferees were appointed: Senators Buck, Cain, Kem, Holland, and Umstead.

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Housing: Continuing consideration of S. 866, to establish and carry out a national housing policy, Senate rejected Senator Cain's motion to strike out title VI of the Taft amendment, relating to low-rent housing, by a vote of 35 yeas to 49 nays.

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Memorial Services: Senate held memorial services for deceased members; adjourned at its conclusion as a further mark of respect.

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Nominations: The nomination of Russell B. Adams, West Virginia, to be a member of the CAB, together with 15 appointments in the armed services, were received.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee continued hearings on S. 2318, to provide for a coordi-XCIV—DD——18 nated long-range agricultural program, and received testimony from the following witnesses who urged the elimination of peanuts as a basic commodity under provisions of the bill: William Fette, Jr., peanut committee, National Confectioners' Association; William. H. Fischer, president, and J. L. Rosefield, chairman, legislative committee, both of Peanut Butter Manufacturers' Association; and T. Earl Bourne, secretary, Peanut and Nut Salters Association. They held that the present level on price supports for peanuts was too high.

Rev. William J. Gibbons, S. J., board of directors of National Catholic Rural Life Conference, discussed the various provisions of the measure. Hearings continue tomorrow.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations, receiving testimony from various department chiefs, accompanied by their assistants, in support of funds for their respective agencies: A. W. Turner, Assistant Chief of Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils, and Agricultural Engineering; Sievert A. Rohwer, Assistant Chief of Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine; Louis B. Howard, Chief of Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry; and Lyle F. Watts, Chief of Forest Service. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MILITARY BILLS AND UMT

Committee on Armed Services: In executive session the committee approved the following bills for reporting:

S. 1599, relative to pay for aviation cadets in the Air

Corps and regular Army, with amendment;

H. R. 4490, authorizing Secretary of Navy to provide salvage facilities;

S. 657, to allow credit service as a cadet, midshipman, or aviation cadet for purposes of the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942, and service as midshipman or cadet as credit for retirement purposes, with amendment;

H. R. 1275, authorizing reimbursement of naval personnel for cost of necessary medical or hospital services

while on authorized leave;

S. 1570, relative to retired pay for certain members

of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps;

S. 1216, relative to deleting peacetime requirement that not less than 20 percent of pilots employed in aviation tactical units of the Navy and Marine Corps shall be enlisted men, with amendment;

S. 1561, to permit Secretaries of State, War, Navy, and Atomic Energy Commission to terminate employment of persons whom they deem would endanger our na-

tional security, with amendment;

S. 295, relative to detailing of Army personnel as students, observers, or investigators at educational institutions, etc., and requiring 4 years of service after such instruction;

H. R. 4721, removing statutory limitation on repairs and alterations of a naval vessel;

S. 2033, to increase from 6 to 12 the number of cadets in Military Academy from the D. C.; and

S. 2034, to increase from 5 to 15 the number of midshipmen at the Naval Academy from the D. C.

The committee considered S. 2439, retention of German paintings in the U. S., but held vote over until a later date.

In the afternoon, the committee met in executive session with Secretary of Defense Forrestal; Louis E. Denfeld, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Carl Spaatz; and Gen. Omar Bradley, Army Chief of Staff; to work further on the draft of the proposed legislation for UMT and reenactment of selective service.

SEC AND HOUSING NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking and Currency: In executive session the committee considered the nominations of Paul R. Rowen to be a member of the SEC and Tighe E. Woods to be Housing Expediter. A final vote on reporting these nominations was not reached.

WILDLIFE

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Senator Wherry; Representative Burke; Albert M. Day, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior; Fred Grover, Acquisition Division of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; W. Gard Conklin, Administration Bureau, Pennsylvania State Game Commission, Harrisburg, Pa.; and Carl D. Shoemaker, National Wildlife Federation, appeared before the subcommittee to testify in support of the enactment of S. 1155 and H. R. 4018, relating to the transfer of surplus lands for wildlife purposes.

Mr. Day also testified against S. 1735, to establish migratory waterfowl zones in Montana, and S. 2199, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, but favored H. R. 107, to acquire land in California for wildlife management and control.

William P. Caubu, California Duck Hunters Association, appeared in favor of S. 2199, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

LIQUOR ADVERTISING

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Committee opened hearings on three bills (S. 265, S. 2352, and S. 2365) prohibiting or restricting the advertising of alcoholic beverages, receiving testimony in favor of the bills from Senator Capper; Representative Crawford; Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker, Methodist Board of Temperance, Denver, Colo.; Rev. Sam Morris, San Antonio, Tex.; Dr. Clinton N. Howard, International Reform Federation, Inc., Washington; E. W. Turnley, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, National WCTU, Evanston, Ill.; Maj. Clayton Wallace, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dean Hoffman, Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot; Dr. R. H. Martin, Liquor Advertising Committee, and editor of Christian Statesmen, Pittsburgh; Rev. E. E. Grosse, First Church of the Nazarene, Washington; Col. Henry M. Johnson, attorney for National Temperance; Miss Charlotte Endres, Washington office of Christian Scientists' committee on publications; and David Whatley, member of D. C. Bar.

Dr. James H. Green, Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce; George S. McMillan, Bristol-Myers Co., New York; H. A. Caddow, Wine Institute, San Francisco; Edward W. Wootton, Wine Institute, Washington; and Edmund A. Rossi, Wine Advisory Board, San Francisco, testified in opposition to the bills. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TIDELANDS

Committee on the Judiciary: After executive session, the committee announced it had agreed to reopen hearings on S. 1988, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams. The date for the hearings will be announced later.

RETIRED OFFICERS OF ARMED FORCES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee received supporting testimony on S. 156, retired officers of armed forces to act as agent or attorneys for prosecuting claims against U. S., from the following witnesses: Senator Holland; Franz O. Willenbucher, Retired Officers Association; Col. Archibald King for himself and four other retired officers; Col. William P. Connally, Jr., Army JAG; Lt. Col. John H. Coffman; Col. Ellis B. Miller; and Capt. Ira H. Nunn, Navy JAG.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Continuing hearings on pending bills to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act, the subcommittee heard the following

witnesses express their views on the general subject of amending the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938: Lew Hahn, president, National Retail Dry Goods Association; William R. Noble, National Retail Farm Equipment Association; Harold O. Smith, Jr., U. S. Wholesale Grocers' Association; Joseph King, counsel, National Retail Lumber Dealers' Association; William T. Jobe, counsel, National Association of Ice Industries; and William McGuire, Retail Clerks' International Association, AFL. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Sixteen public bills, H. R. 6288-6303; eight private bills, H. R. 6304-6311; and six resolutions, H. Res. 546, H. J. Res. 379-382, and H. Con. Res. 186, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 5472, providing a temporary increase in compensation of officers and employees of the Federal Government and of the D. C. municipal government (H. Rept. 1773);

H. R. 5667, providing additional compensation for postmasters and employees of the postal service

(H. Rept. 1774);

H. R. 5517, a private bill (H. Rept. 1775);

H. R. 6248, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to stabilize prices of agricultural commodities (H. Rept. 1976): and

H. R. 127, amending the Judicial Code in respect to the original jurisdiction of the district courts of the United States in certain cases (H. Rept. 1777).

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Fort Sumter: Vacated proceedings of yesterday regarding passage of S. J. Res. 94, establishing Fort Sumter National Memorial in South Carolina, accepted a committee amendment, then passed the resolution.

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Racing Shells: Passed H. R: 5933, providing for temporary free importation of racing shells.

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WAC-WAVES: After rejecting all floor amendments, the House, by voice vote, passed S. 1641, as reported by the House Armed Services Committee. As passed, the bill authorizes enlistment and appointment of women in Reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps. Continues the status quo of the WAC for 1 year from date of enactment, permitting an orderly transition from the WAC to the new Reserve status. Permits enlistment of women in Naval Reserve without a termination date. Authorizes enlistment and appointment of women in the Officers' and Enlisted Section of the Air Force Reserve. Prohibits assignment of women to aircraft assigned to combat missions.

Following passage of S. 1641, the House asked for a conference with the Senate, and Representatives Shafer,

Short, Cole of New York, Brooks, and Durham were appointed conferees on the part of the House.

H. Res. 545, providing consideration of S. 1641, was adopted previously.

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Veterans' Subsistence: Agreed to Senate amendment to S. 1393, increasing permitted rate of allowance and compensation in relation to veterans' subsistence grants, thereby clearing the measure for Presidential action.

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Special Order: Under a special order, Mr. Devitt addressed the House on the subject of a joint committee on intelligence.

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Committee Meetings

QUITCLAIMS—INSECTICIDE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee No. 1 heard Representative Bennett of Missouri who testified on behalf of H. R. 5048, relative to sale of mineral rights on land of the Missouri Defense Relocation Association, and Representative Landis who testified on behalf of H. R. 5263, relative to land sold by the Indiana Defense Relocation Association, Inc. Both bills were ordered reported to the full committee.

Subcommittee No. 4 held hearings on H. Res. 452, requesting the Secretary of Agriculture to take action to prevent damage to valuable crops as a result of the use of the weed killer known as 2, 4-D. The following witnesses were heard: Representative Thompson, author of the resolution; F. P. Cullinan and L. W. Kephart, both of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture; Lea Hitchner, executive secretary, Agricultural Insecticide and Fungicide Association; Dr. E. L. Griffin, Live Stock Branch, Department of Agriculture; George D. Childress, Civil Aeronautics Administration; G. N. Calkins and John M. Chamberlin, both of the Civil Aeronautics Board; and C. E. Minnarik, Chemical Corps, Department of the Army.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on selective service legislation and received the testimony of Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Office of Selective Service Records, and Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, Deputy Director of Personnel in Administration Division.

CCC CHARTER

Committee on Banking and Currency: Held an executive session on H. R. 6263, providing a Federal charter for the Commodity Credit Corporation, and later ordered the measure to be reported to the House with amendments.

DISTRICT BILLS—HOME RULE

Committee on the District of Columbia: The committee reported six bills to the House as follows:

H. R. 5808, to continue nursery schools for day care of children;

H. R. 6071, providing for treatment of sexual psychopaths;

H. R. 6087, to regulate the practice of optometry;

H. R. 6203, to incorporate the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington a corporation sole;

H. R. 6209, relative to choosing additional trustees for the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation; and

S. 2409, as amended, D. C. revenue bill for 1949. Later, held executive session for discussion of H. R. 6227, D. C. home-rule bill, and postponed further consideration of this legislation until Monday, April 26.

LONGSHOREMEN

Committee on Education and Labor: Welfare Subcommittee held hearings on H. R. 5653 and similar bills, to amend the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers Compensation Act, relative to an increase in compensation, with testimony being received from Joseph P. Ryan, president, International Longshoremen's Association; James A. Brownlow, secretary-treasurer, metal trades department, AFL; William Glazier, representing International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, CIO; and Seth Levin, research consultant, CIO Maritime Union.

ESTIMATES—CORRUPTION—GAO AUDIT

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Held executive session on H. R. 6032, providing for submission of departmental estimates to the Congress, and heard the testimony of Representative Van Zandt, author of the bill. Committee took no action.

Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda met on charges of misconduct and corruption on the part of officials of the Public Housing Authority in San Diego, Calif., and heard Representative Gwinn of New York and Herbert L. Wooten, Public Housing Administration.

Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings continued in executive session on GAO audit of wartimerailroad freight vouchers.

AVIATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Concluded hearings on H. R. 6144, providing for coordination of aviation policy, to improve the administration of the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, and to provide

for an independent Office of Air Safety, hearing two witnesses, both of whom opposed the legislation: Felix Larkin, special legal consultant to the Secretary of Defense, the National Military Establishment; and Larry Cates, Air Line Pilots Association, Washington, D. C.

PATENTS-IMMIGRATION-CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights heard the following witnesses in connection with H. R. 3929, to amend the patent laws so as to protect the United States in certain patent cases: Capt. G. N. Robillard, patent counsel, Navy Department; Col. George W. Gardes, Patents Division, JAG Office, Department of the Army; Roy C. Hackley, Jr., Chief of Patent Section, Department of Justice; and former Representative Fritz G. Lanham.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization heard the following witnesses in support of H. R. 5004, to extend naturalization privileges to immigrants having a legal right to permanent residence, and to make immigration quotas available to certain Asiatic and Pacific peoples: Representative Gearhart; Representative Judd (author of the bill); Watson B. Miller, Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization; Robert Cullum, secretary, and Edward J. Ennis, chairman Committee for Equality in Naturalization; Mike Masaoka, Japanese Citizens League; and Sanford H. Bolz, Washington representative, American Jewish Congress. Harry V. Hayden, national legislative representative of the American Legion, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Subcommittee on Claims agreed to report seven private bills favorably to the full committee.

POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The Love subcommittee held hearings on H. R. 3272 and S. 1082, companion bills, the purpose of which is to enable employees in the field postal service when transferred from one position to another to receive credit for salary advancement for service accumulated since their last advancement. The following witnesses were heard: Representative Dolliver; Peter Connally, Assistant Solicitor, and Clarence N. Bruce, Office of the First Assistant Postmaster General, both of the Post Office Department; Jesse V. Horton, first vice president of the National Association of Postal Supervisors; E. C. Hallbeck, legislative representative for National Federation of Post Office Clerks; R. B. Kumers, National Association of Letter Carriers; Ross Messer, National Association of Post Office Custodial Employees; Mary Conway, representing the Government Employees Council; and George Warfel, National Association of Special Delivery Messengers.

PUBLIC LAND BILLS

Committee on Public Lands: Ordered 10 bills to be reported to the House as follows:

S. 1985, amending Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act, relative to Boulder City school projects;

H. R. 3194, amending Reclamation Project Act, relative to short-term contracts to furnish water for irrigation purposes, on which J. G. Will, assistant chief counsel, Bureau of Reclamation, testified;

H. R. 3731, modification of repayment contracts,

Yellowstone irrigation districts;

H. R. 5053, establishing Philadelphia National Historical Park;

H. R. 5153, establishing experiment station, Appalachian region, for research on petroleum gas, etc.;

H. R. 5587, adding lands to Theodore Roosevelt

National Memorial Park;

H. R. 5901, distribution of funds to certain States from receipts of Colorado River development fund;

H. R. 6056, construct railroad right-of-way, in Richmond County, N. Y.;

H. R. 6067, amendatory repayment contracts, North-

port irrigation district, Nebraska; and

H. R. 6091, withdrawing certain lands within Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, and returning to Territorial government.

D. C. PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds amended H. R. 5509, authorizing the Defense Homes Corporation to convey to Howard University, without reimbursement, Lucy Diggs Slowe Hall and George Washington Carver Hall, in the District of Columbia, and ordered the measure reported to the full committee. Also considered, but postponed action indefinitely, on H. R. 4664, to convey

the defense housing projects known as Slowe and Carver Halls, in the District of Columbia, to the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial.

VETERANS' HOUSING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held executive meeting and considered H. R. 4488, Homestead Act of 1948, and other similar bills.

TAXATION

Committee on Ways and Means: In executive session, continued its consideration of general tax revisions and discussed revision proposals offered by members of the staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation. Continues on same subject tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

NAVAJO INDIANS

Joint Meeting: Subcommittees on Indian Affairs of Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and House Public Lands Committee continued hearings on S. 2363, Navajo Indian rehabilitation bill, receiving testimony from the following: J. M. Stewart, Superintendent of Navajo Reservation; George Boyce, Director of Navajo Education; George Barrett, Shiprock, N. Mex., schools; A. L. Wathen, chief engineer, Indian Bureau; E. R. Fryer, Acting Director of Resources, Indian Bureau; Mrs. Ruth F. Kirk, Indian welfare, General Federation of Women's Clubs, Gallup, N. Mex.; and G. James Fleming, American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Thursday, April 22, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed bills on housing, CCC charter, agricultural revolving fund, and wheat carry-over.

House adopted Condon inquiry resolution.

Senate groups approved bills on general appropriation, international air transportation, and Alaska airport.

House Agriculture Committee ordered farmers' co-op bill reported to House.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2542 to S. 2549.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 631, private bill, with amendments (S. 1153); S. 657, to allow credit service as a cadet, midshipman, or aviation cadet for purposes of the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942, and service as midshipman or cadet as credit for retirement purposes, with amendments (S.

Rept. 1154)

S. 1561, to permit Secretaries of State, War, Navy, and Atomic Energy Commission to terminate employment of persons whom they deem would endanger our national security, with amendments (S. Rept. 1155);

H. R. 4090, relative to retired pay for certain members of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps (S. Rept.

1156);

S. 295, relative to detailing of Army personnel as students, observers, or investigators at educational institutions, etc., and requiring 4 years of service after such instruction, with amendment (S. Rept. 1157);

H. R. 4490, authorizing Secretary of Navy to provide

salvage facilities (S. Rept. 1158);

H. R. 1275, authorizing reimbursement of naval personnel for cost of necessary medical or hospital services while on authorized leave (S. Rept. 1159);

S. 2033, to increase from 6 to 12 the number of cadets in Military Academy from the D. C. (S. Rept. 1160);

S. 2034, to increase from 5 to 15 the number of midshipmen at the Naval Academy from the D. C. (S. Rept. 1161);

S. 1599, relative to pay for aviation cadets in the Air Corps and Regular Army, with amendments (S. Rept.

1162); and

S. 1216, relative to deleting peacetime requirement that not less than 20 percent of pilots employed in aviation tactical units of the Navy and Marine Corps shall be enlisted men, with amendments (S. Rept. 1163).

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Bill Referred: One House-passed bill, passed on April 21, was referred to appropriate committee. Page 4725

Housing: The Senate passed, with amendments, S. 866, to establish and carry out a national housing policy. Prior to passage, the following action was taken: Adopted: Two McCarthy amendments to Taft amendment, (1) to raise to \$4,500 the limitation on loans for low-rent housing and repairs, and (2) to provide for Government payment of half the cost of homes for paraplegic veterans; two Flanders amendments to Taft amendment, (1) to add TVA village properties to the provision authorizing Government insurance of mortgages executed in connection with sale by Government of the so-called Greenbelt towns, and (2) to extend provisions of Government Corporation Control Act to FHA; and Young amendment striking out title VII of Taft amendment concerning farm housing and inserting a substitute therefor. It was agreed to substitute the Taft amendment, as amended, for the 14 McCarthy amendments adopted on April 15; the committee substitute was superseded in effect by the Taft amendment, and was disagreed to. Several Flanders amendments to title I of the bill preceding the Taft amendment were adopted, as well as an amendment to the title of the bill.

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Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations was authorized to file reports over week-end recess on H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations; H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriations; H. R. 5524, Army-civil functions appropriations; and H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriations.

Wheat: S. 2158, to amend the Foreign Aid and Third Supplemental Appropriation Acts to eliminate certain provisions requiring retention of a specified carry-over of wheat, was passed by voice vote after adopting Williams substitute amendment, reducing amount of wheat carry-over from 150 million bushels to 120 million bushels.

Agriculture Commodities: Committee amendment in nature of a substitute to S. 2376, to provide a revolving fund to purchase agricultural commodities for processing in occupied areas, was agreed to, and the bill was passed.

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Surplus Property: H. R. 2239, authorizing sale or lease to State governments of surplus property for use in training civilian components of the Army, as amended, was passed, after adopting committee amendments.

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Commodity Credit: Passed S. 1322, to grant a Federal charter to the Commodity Credit Corporation, after adopting the committee amendments together with the following offered from the floor: Williams amendment relating to salary and number of members of board of CCC, having defeated, on division vote, an Aiken amendment thereto to raise number of members to six; and three Byrd amendments, (1) to limit life of charter to 12 years, (2) specifying powers of board, and (3) to strike out section 18 of the bill dealing with corporation administrative accounts.

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Fort Sumter: Concurred in House amendment to S. J. Res. 94, establishing Fort Sumter National Memorial in South Carolina, thus clearing the bill for the President's signature.

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Firewood: Passed H. Con. Res. 188, requesting President to return H. R. 5328, to amend Tariff Act relating to firewood, so clerical correction may be made.

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National Defense: Permission was granted Special Committee To Investigate the National Defense Program to file report during week-end recess. The committee met on this yesterday in closed session.

Private Bills: Senate accepted House amendments to S. 608 and S. 714, private Indian bills, thus clearing them for the President's signature.

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Nominations: The nominations of W. Averell Harriman, New York, to be U. S. Special Representative in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador; Charles Sawyer,

Ohio, to be Secretary of Commerce; together with 379 appointments to be ensigns in the Navy, were received.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Continuing hearings on S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program, the committee received testimony from the following witnesses expressing their views on this proposed legislation: C. J. Fawcett, general manager, National Wool Marketing Corp., Boston; Edward J. Regensburg, president, Cigar Manufacturers Association of America; William B. Duryee, Potato Industry of New Jersey; Charles Collins, Morristown, N. J.; and Kent Leavitt, president, National Association of Soil Conservation Districts. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ARMY-CIVIL FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee approved for reporting to the Senate H. R. 5524, Army-civil functions appropriations bill. As approved it would appropriate a total of \$708,586,666, an increase of \$102,027,900 over the House-approved figure. The budget estimates, on which these appropriations are based, total \$737,804,300; as the bill passed the House it would appropriate \$606,558,766. A majority and a minority report on the bill will be filed.

FIRST DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: In a closed session the committee approved H. R. 6055, First Deficiency appropriation bill. As approved, the bill would appropriate \$780,179,479; as approved by the House it would appropriate \$338,378,152.

The subcommittee met in a closed session in the morning to mark up this bill.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued work on H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations, receiving testimony on funds for conservation and use of agricultural land resources from N. E. Dodd, Under Secretary; Jesse B. Gilmer and D. J. Scruggs, Production and Marketing Administration; on flood control from George R. Phillips, Office of the Secretary; J. C. Dykes, Carl H. Dorny, and Homer M. Wells, all of the Soil Conservation Service; C. M. Granger, E. N. Munns, and Gordon R. Salmond, all of the Forest Service; on Forest Service from Lyle F. Watts, its Chief, accompanied by assistants; on land utilization and retirement of submarginal land, Soil Conservation Service, from J. C. Dykes, Soil Conservation Service, accompanied by assistants; and on Farmers Home Administration from Dillard B. Lasseter, its Administrator, and assistants. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UMT AND SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued its work in executive session on drafting of a bill on UMT and reenactment of selective service for reporting to the Senate.

Four hundred and eighty-six nominations in all ranks of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps were approved favorably for reporting. Committee continues tomorrow.

VETERANS AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Finance: In executive session the committee reviewed veterans' bills pending on its calendar. It was announced that hearings would be held on some of these at a later date.

It also studied the problems involved in connection with H. J. Res. 296, social-security status quo legislation. The chairman announced after the meeting that further information on this subject is being assembled and that the committee was not ready to act at this time.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION AND ALASKA AIRPORT

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: In executive session subcommittee ordered reported to full committee without amendment S. 2451, to encourage development of international air-transportation system, and with amendment H. R. 3510, to authorize airport in Anchorage, Alaska.

LIQUOR ADVERTISING

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Committee concluded hearings on S. 265, S. 2352, and S. 2365, prohibiting or restricting the advertising of alcoholic beverages, after receiving further testimony in opposition to the bills from the following witnesses: R. E. Joyce, Jr., and E. F. O'Brien, Distilled Spirits Institute, Washington; Frank Braucher, Magazine Advertising Bureau; Arthur Jenkins, Mascoutah (Ill.) Herald; Joseph E. Brady, International Union of United Brewery, Flour, Cereal, Soft Drink, and Distillery Workers, Cincinnati; A. J. Ferro, New York State Council of Brewery Workers, Utica, N. Y.; Arthur P. Gildea, Tri-State Council of Brewery Workers, Boston; Randolph W. Childs, Pennsylvania Alcoholic Beverage Study, Inc.; Frederic R. Gamble, American Association of Advertising Agencies, New York City; John Dwight Sullivan, Advertising Federation of America, New York City; O. R. Strackbein, American Wage Earners Protective Conference, Washington; John E. O'Neill, Small Brewers Committee; Charles E. Sands, Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union, Cincinnati; Dr. Kenneth Dameron, Ohio State University; Robert Lusk, the Crusaders, Washington; John B. Haggerty, International Allied Printing Trades Association; Albert K. Plone, Glass Bottle Blowers Association of U.S. and Canada; W. T. Long, trade publisher; W. G. Flynn, International Association of Machinists, Washington;

and Joseph J. Quillin, International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the National Conference of AFL Brewery Workers.

JUDICIAL CODE AND JUDICIARY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee received testimony from the following witnesses on H. R. 3214, on title 28 of U. S. Code entitled "Judicial Code and Judiciary": Senator Holland; Representatives Reed of Illinois and Devitt; Judge Albert B. Maris, Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia; Judge Harold M. Stephens, Court of Appeals, D. C.; John D. Randall, Cedar Rapids; Clifford W. Gardner, St. Paul; W. McNeil Kennedy, Chicago; Judge Bolon B. Turner, Tax Court; and Edgar J. Schoen, Chicago. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: The following witnesses appeared before the subcommittee in connection with the hearings on pending bills to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to express their views on the general subject of amending the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938: Representative Goodwin; Peter T. Beardsley, attorney, American Trucking Associations, Inc.; Jack G. Scott, general counsel, National Association of Motor Bus Operators; Harvey W. Brown, president, International Association of Machinists; and Charles R. Kuzell, American Mining Congress. Hearings continue tomorrow.

GOVERNMENT CAFETERIAS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee met in executive session in connection with S. Res. 42, investigation of Government cafeterias, to explore all possible action that it might take in regard to this matter.

TVA

Committee on Public Works: Gordon Clapp, Chairman of TVA, continued his testimony in opposition to S. 1277, to amend comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and organization of the Authority. Subcommittee continues tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirteen public bills, H. R. 6312-6324; eight private bills, H. R. 6325-6332; and three resolutions, H. Res. 547, and H. Con. Res. 187 and 188, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 5992, confirming and establishing titles of States to lands beneath navigable waters within State boundaries, and natural resources within such lands and waters, and providing for use and control of said land and resources (H. Rept. 1778);

S. 1985, amending Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act, approved July 19, 1940 (H. Rept. 1779);

H. R. 3731, authorizing modifications in repayment contracts, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Districts Nos. 1 and 2 (H. Rept. 1780);

H. R. 5153, providing for establishment and operation of an experiment station in the Appalachian region for research on the production, refining, transportation, and use of petroleum and natural gas (H. Rept. 1781);

H. R. 5587, adding certain lands to the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, N. Dak. (H. Rept. 1782);

H. R. 5901, providing for the distribution among the States of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming of the receipts of the Colorado River Development Fund

for use in the fiscal years 1949 to 1955, inclusive, on a basis which is as nearly equal as practicable (H. Rept. 1783);

H. R. 6056, amending an act of Congress which granted a right-of-way for railroad purposes through certain lands of the United States in Richmond County, N. Y. (H. Rept. 1784);

H. R. 6067, authorizing execution of an amendatory repayment contract with Northport Irrigation District (H. Rept. 1785);

H. R. 6091, withdrawing certain land as available land within the meaning of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended, and restoring it to its previous status under the control of the Territory of Hawaii (H. Rept. 1786);

H. R. 6071, providing for the treatment of sexual psychopaths in the District of Columbia (H. Rept. 1787);

H. R. 6203, incorporating the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington a corporation sole (H. Rept. 1788); and

H. R. 6209, amending the act incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation of the District of Columbia (H. Rept. 1789).

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D. C. Rent Control: Agreed to conference, asked by Senate, on S. 2195, continuing rent control in the District of Columbia until March 31, 1949, and appointed

Representatives O'Hara, McMahon, Allen of California, Harris, and Abernethy as conferees on the part of the House.

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Inquiry Resolution: Adopted, by a vote of 301 yeas to 29 nays, H. Res. 522, directing the Secretary of Commerce to transmit to the House of Representatives a certain letter with respect to Dr. Edward Condon.

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Firewood: Adopted H. Con. Res. 188, vacating proceedings of April 12 and requesting return from White House, for further consideration, of H. R. 5328, permitting free entry of bark, sawdust, and other wood waste when compressed or ground for use as firewood.

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CCC—Credit Union: Granted permission to Committee on Banking and Currency to have until midnight, April 22, to file reports on H. R. 6263, providing a Federal charter for the Commodity Credit Corporation; also on S. 2225, transferring the administration of the Federal Credit Union Act from the FDIC to the Federal Security Agency.

D. C. Legislation: Granted permission to Committee on District of Columbia to have until midnight, April 23, to file reports on H. R. 5808, continuing nursery schools for day care of children; H. R. 6087, regulating the practice of optometry; and H. R. 2409, D. C. revenue bill for 1949.

Foreign Aid: Received notice of appointment of Representatives Vorys, Fulton, and Bloom of the Committee on Foreign Affairs along with Representatives Taber and Cannon of the Appropriations Committee as members of the Joint Congressional Committee to Observe the Administration of the Foreign-Aid Program.

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Special Orders: Under special orders, the following Members addressed the House: Mr. August H. Andresen and Mr. Murray of Wisconsin spoke on the oleomargarine and butter controversy; Mr. Holifield on the Dr. Condon inquiry situation; and Mr. Johnson of Texas on an exposé of the 66-group air force.

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Committee Meetings

CO-OPS

Committee on Agriculture: Met in executive session for consideration of H. R. 6301, a bill to provide for retirement of Government capital in the central and regional banks for cooperatives, and later ordered the bill reported favorably to the House.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: In the hearings on H. R. 6274, the selective-service bill, testimony was received from the following witnesses who favored the general objectives of the legislation: Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord, National Guard Association; Brig. Gen. E. A. Evans, Reserve Officers Association; Brig. Gen. John Thomas Taylor, American Legion; Edgar C. Corry, Jr., national commander, AMVETS; and Omar Ketchum, director, VFW. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RFC EXTENSION

Committee on Banking and Currency: John D. Goodloe, Chairman, RFC, testified before the committee in its consideration of S. 2287, extending the powers of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to 1958. Hearings continue tomorrow.

LONGSHOREMEN

Committee on Education and Labor: Welfare Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 5653 and similar bills, to amend the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, relative to an increase in compensation, with testimony being received from Samuel D. Schell, vice president, National Federation of American Shipping; H. S. Webb, New York Shipping Association; William Press, represented Joseph C. McGarraghy for the Washington Board of Trade, the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, and Hotel Association of Washington; and Frank O'Connor, executive secretary, Washington Building and Construction Trades Council. Hearings continue tomorrow.

DP'S-CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered seven private claims bills favorably reported to the House, and continued discussion of H. R. 6163, the displaced-persons bill. Postponed further action on this bill until April 27.

MERCHANT MARINE

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: At the hearing on H. J. Res. 377, to encourage investment for further construction and strengthening of the merchant marine, and remove certain inequities in the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, the following officials of the U. S. Maritime Commission testified: Vice Adm. W. W. Smith, Chairman, accompanied by Raymond S. Mc-Keough, Commissioner, and Francis B. Goertner, assistant general counsel. Adjourned, subject to call of the Chair.

STAMP—ALASKA SERVICE—VETERANS

Committee on the Post Office and Civil Service: Met in executive session and ordered the following measures to be reported to the House:

H. J. Res. 371, to issue golden-anniversary stamp commemorating the consolidation of the five boroughs of New York City;

H. R. 1608, to strike out present limitation on annual cost of postal-service contracts for powerboat service in Alaska;

H. R. 4917, providing further benefits for World War II veterans who are Federal employees and lost opportunity for probational civil-service appointments due to military service or service-connected disabilities; and

S. 1493, to give Civil Service Commission final decision as to eligibility under the Veterans' Preference Act.

NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Public Lands: The Subcommittee on Public Lands ordered the following bills reported to the full committee:

H. R. 5936, to add lands to Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Ga. and Tenn.;

H. R. 4688, to enlarge Gettysburg National Cemetery, Pa.;

H. R. 5071, extend public-land laws to islands in Red River, Okla.;

H. R. 5957, establishment of the Fort Vancouver National Monument, Wash.;

H. R. 4874, patent to lands in Del Norte County, Calif. (Pelican Rock in Crescent City Harbor); and

H. R. 5151, patent to James P. Love, for lands in Mississippi.

Conrad L. Wirth, National Park Service, testified in favor of H. R. 5957 and 5936; Marion Clausen, Bureau of Land Management, testified in favor of H. R. 4874 and 5071; and Jacob N. Wasserman, Bureau of Land Management, testified on behalf of H. R. 5071.

FEDERAL LANDS

Committee on Public Works: Held hearings on S. 1305, defining notice requirements before public lands, reserved as power sites, are declared open to location for entry; H. R. 3686, permitting allocation of funds under Federal Highway Act for construction and maintenance of highway approaches to certain toll bridges which are part of the strategic network of highways; and H. R. 5842, to acquire additional land along Mount Vernon Memorial Highway in exchange for certain dredging privileges. Thomas H. MacDonald, Commissioner, Public Roads Administration, was heard on

the last two mentioned bills. Representative Welch testified in favor of H. R. 3686, and Gen. U. S. Grant III, Chairman of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, testified on H. R. 5842. E. A. Schmitt, head engineer, Corps of Engineers, was questioned by committee members.

TAXATION

Committee on Ways and Means: In executive session, continued its consideration of general tax revisions and adopted sundry revision proposals offered by members of the staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation.

Joint Committee Meetings

FARM LABOR

Joint Meeting: The House and Senate Committees on Agriculture met jointly to explore possible importation of farm labor.

NAVAJO INDIANS

Joint Meeting: Subcommittees on Indian Affairs of Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and House Public Lands Committee received further testimony on S. 2363, Navajo Indian rehabilitation bill, from Hugh Lee, Howard Wilson, Ralph W. Evans, and Bill Lippincott, all of the United Indian Trades Association; Isaac C. Sutton, Indian Rights Association; and Sam Ahkeah, Roger Davis, and Howard Gorman, all of the Navajo Tribal Council. Hearings continue tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D272)

H. R. 2645, appointment of U. S. commissioners for national parks. Signed April 21, 1948 (P. L. 493);

H. R. 3484, to transfer Remount Service from Department of Army to the Department of Agriculture. Signed April 21, 1948 (P. L. 494); and

H. R. 4326, to extend the privilege of filing a petition under the farmer-debtor provisions of the Bankruptcy Act. Signed April 21, 1948 (P. L. 495).

Monday, April 26, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed 3 appropriation bills and 41 unobjected-to bills on call of the calendar.

House debated oleo tax repeal bill; passed daylight saving and other D. C.

Rules Committee cleared tidelands bill for House action.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 4803-4807

Bills Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2550 to S. 2561; and S. J. Res. Pages 4805-4806

Bills Reported: Reports were made on April 23 as

H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriations, with amendment (S. Rept. 1164);

H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriations, with amendment (S. Rept. 1165);

H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations, with amendment (S. Rept. 1166); and

H. R. 5524, Army civil-functions appropriations, with amendment (pts. 1 and 2 of S. Rept. 1167).

Norwegian Claims: Committee on Foreign Relations was granted permission to file report, during recess on Norwegian claims treaty.

Calendar Bills Passed: On call of the calendar, 41 unobjected-to bills, of which 21 were private, were passed as follows:

Without amendment and cleared for President: Indian Loans: H. R. 2622, to authorize loans for Indians:

Nurse Corps: H. R. 4090, relative to retired pay for certain members of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps;

Salvage: H. R. 4490, authorizing Secretary of Navy to

provide salvage facilities;

Navy Medical: H. R. 1275, authorizing reimbursement of naval personnel for cost of necessary medical or hospital services while on authorized leave; and

Private Bills: 13 private bills: H. R. 4571, 334, 4399, 344, 1747, 2399, 761, 762, 2728, 3113, 3328, 1667, and H. J. Res. 242.

With amendment to be sent back to House:

Foreign Aircraft: H. R. 5448, extending reciprocal income-tax exemption to earnings of aircraft under foreign registry as now granted foreign-flag ships;

D. C. Insurance: H. R. 3998, regulating casualty insurance rates in the D. C.; and

Private Bills: Four private bills: H. R. 3550, 550, 1308,

Without amendment and cleared for House:

Hawaiian Judges: S. 1052, to fix salaries of certain judges in Hawaii;

Boundary Compact: S. J. Res. 206, to authorize compact over boundaries between Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota;

UN Participation: S. 2518, to amend UN Participation Act of 1945, and for appointment of U. S. representatives to UN;

Potassium: S. 1050, relative to distribution of payments from potassium leases under act of October 2, 1917;

Public Land: S. 1925, to convey certain land to Pierre, S. Dak.;

Naval Academy: S. 2034, to increase from 5 to 15 the number of midshipmen at the Naval Academy from the

Military Academy: S. 2033, to increase from 6 to 12 the number of cadets in Military Academy from the D. C.; and

Private Bills: Two private bills: S. 1281 and 1941. With amendment and cleared for House:

American Indian: S. 300 designating American Indian Day;

Public Lands: S. 1933, to convey certain lands to School District 55 in Roosevelt County, Mont.;

Boulder City: S. 1448, to sell and lease certain houses, apartments, and lands in Boulder City, Nev.;

Pay Readjustment: S. 657, to allow credit service as a cadet, midshipman, or aviation cadet for purposes of the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942, and service as midshipman or cadet as credit for retirement purposes;

Army Personnel: S. 295, relative to detailing of Army personnel as students, observers, or investigators at educational institutions, etc., and requiring 4 years of service after such instruction:

Aviation Cadets: S. 1509, relative to pay for aviation cadets in the Air Corps and Regular Army;

Aviation Units: S. 1216, relative to deleting peacetime requirement that not less than 20 percent of pilots employed in aviation tactical units of the Navy and Marine Corps shall be enlisted men; and

Private Bills: Two private bills: S. 1206 and 1062.

Pages 4807-4815, 4816-4818

Women's Army Corps: Senate disagreed to House amendments to S. 1641, to provide a permanent basis for women in armed services, agreed to a conference asked by House, and appointed as conferees Senators Gurney, Baldwin, Saltonstall, Tydings, and Hill.

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Appropriations: Senate, by voice vote, passed the following appropriation bills after adopting the committee amendments in each case:

First Deficiency: H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriaations; the bill as passed the Senate would appropriate \$780,179,479; as passed by the House it would appropriate \$338,378,152; the budget estimates total \$1,043,-175,316. The Senate asked for a conference on the bill and appointed as conferees Senators Bridges, Gurney, Brooks, McKellar, and Hayden.

Labor-Federal Security: H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriations; the bill as passed the Senate would appropriate \$890,751,440; as passed by the House it would appropriate \$905,405,250; the budget estimates total \$931,539,169. The Senate asked for a conference on the bill and appointed as conferees Senators Knowland, Gurney, Ball, Wherry, McCarran, McKellar, and Russell.

State, Justice, Commerce: H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations; the bill as passed the Senate would appropriate \$516,029,937; as passed by the House it would appropriate \$503,590,263; the budget estimates total \$589,417,230. Before passage, on motion of Senator Ball, the rules were suspended, and his amendment on fixing compensation of secretaries and law clerks of circuit and district judges by Director of Administrative Office was adopted.

Senate asked for a conference on the bill and appointed as conferees Senators Ball, Bridges, Wherry, Hickenlooper, McCarran, McKellar, and Tydings.

Pages 4816, 4818-4827

Rereference of Bill: Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of S. 428, relative to retired pay for commissioned officers, and the bill was rereferred to Committee on Armed Services.

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Nominations: The nomination of Brig. Gen. Francis K. Newcomer, to be Governor of the Panama Canal, together with 33 postmasters and 3 routine Foreign Service nominations were received.

Pages 4831-4832

Confirmations: The nomination of W. Averell Harriman, New York, to be U. S. special representative in

Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, was confirmed. Senate also confirmed 487 military nominations in various branches of the armed services.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: On Saturday, April 24, the committee concluded hearings on S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program, after receiving testimony from Senator Cooper; Representatives Chapman and Gore; John M. Berry, vice president, Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association; Carl T. Hicks, president, Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corp.; Fred S. Royster, Bright Belt Warehouse Association; W. C. Clay, Jr., counsel for the Burley Warehouse Association; and Paul Rudolph, manager, Eastern Dark-Fired Tobacco Growers Association; together with various other witnesses, on tobacco price-support program as provided in the bill. Lamonte Graw, manager, Florida Growers Association, discussed price-support program for fresh fruits and vegetables.

On Friday, April 23, the committee heard the following witnesses give their views on the legislation: Kent Leavitt, president, National Association of Soil Conservation Districts; Dr. Charles F. Firley, president, Iowa State College; Alfred Van Wagenen, acting manager and director, Northeastern Poultry Producers Council; Lisle B. Embree, Red Oak, Iowa; Leo C. Herold, Fort Atkinson, Iowa; Carl Wilken, Sioux City; and Joe Roose, Alison, Iowa.

NATIONAL DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee opened hearings on H. R. 6226, making supplemental appropriations for national defense for fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, involving \$923,100,000 in direct appropriations, and \$2,275,000,000 in contract authorization for construction of aircraft for the Department of the Air Force and the Department of Navy, with Secretary of Defense Forrestal, assisted by Gen. Carl Spaatz and Secretary of Air Force Symington, testifying in support of the proposed appropriations. Hearings continue tomorrow.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Hearings on H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations, were continued before the subcommittee with various witnesses testifying respectively on the following subjects: On several items in the bill, from Senator Pepper; on Research and Marketing Act, from Richard P. White, American Association of Nurserymen, and Bert D. Barlow, Western Bean Dealers Association, Hazelton, Idaho; on research in State experiment stations, from W. B. Kemp, director, Maryland station, and W. H. Martin, director, New Jersey station; on extension work, from J. O. Knapp, director,

West Virginia, T. B. Symons, director, Maryland, and I. O. Ballard, director, Oregon; on meat inspection, from Oscar G. Mayer, president, Oscar Mayer & Co., Chicago, George Dressler, National Retail Meat Dealers, Chicago, Chancellor Weymouth, president, Texas and Southwestern Cattlegrowers Association, L. B. Liljenquist, Western States Meat Packers Association, Henry Neuhoff, Jr., National Independent Meat Packers Association, F. E. Mollin, American National Live Stock Association, Denver, and David Dolnick, Amalgamated Meat Cutters, AFL; on Bureau of Plant Industry, from Robert H. Roland, Society of American Florists, Chicago, Hayden Preston, Florida Gladioli Association, and Walter W. Maule, Mushroom Growers Co-op Association; on danger to bees from insecticide spraying, from Glenn O. Jones, National Federation Beekeepers Associations, Atlantic, Iowa; on entomology and plant quarantine, from Representative Robertson, J. A. Munro, North Dakota Agricultural College, Fred J. Frederickson, Greater North Dakota Association, and Dr. Charles G. Woodbury, National Canners Association; on forest products laboratory for Ozark region hardwoods, from Senator Fulbright; on forest highway, from Representatives Horan, D'Ewart, Ellsworth, Barrett, and Rockwell; on Forest Service, from Walter E. Lorence, Ohio Valley Improvement Association; on farm forestry, from George M. Putnam, New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation; on flood control, from Arthur J. Witzig, Erie County Soil Conservation District; and on Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics, from Mrs. Ella McNaughton, Bettie Davis Howell, Helen Harrison Hurt, and A. E. Brandt, all of American Home Economics Association. Hearings continue tomorrow.

On Friday, April 23, the subcommittee received testimony from Lyle F. Watts, Chief, Forest Service, and T. H. MacDonald, Commissioner of Public Roads, on funds for forest roads and trails, and for forest highways; Senator Murray on REA, Farmers Home Administration, forest roads and trails, range and wildlife management, and incipient insect control program; Representative Hope on research and education; Senator Wherry, George M. Tunison, Omaha, John E. Swain, chairman of Control Agency for All Serum Handlers, Chicago, and Dr. H. J. Shore, Fort Dodge, Iowa, on virus-serumtoxin, Senator Ecton on meat inspection, Research and Marketing Act, foot-and-mouth disease, Forest Service, and REA; and Fred W. Gottschald, represented American Lumber & Treating Co., Chicago.

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR-FEDERAL SECURITY, STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: In executive session on Friday, April 23, committee voted to report, with amendments, H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriations for 1949, and H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce, and the Judiciary appropriations for 1949.

As approved, the Labor-Federal Security appropriations bill (H. R. 5728) would appropriate \$890,751,440, or a decrease of \$14,653,810 under the House-approved figure. As passed by the House, it would appropriate \$905,405,250; the budget estimates considered total \$931,539,169.

As approved, the State, Justice, Commerce appropriations bill (H. R. 5607) would appropriate \$516,029,937, or \$12,439,674 more than the House-approved figure. As passed by the House, this bill would appropriate \$503,590,263; the budget estimates considered total \$589,417,230.

UMT AND SELECTIVE SERVICE AND GERMAN PAINTINGS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued its work in executive session on drafting of a bill on UMT and reenactment of selective service.

Subcommittee, in connection with S. 2439, retention of German paintings in the U. S., filed its report with the full committee, which the full committee immediately approved. The report did not favor the enactment of bill, but proposed return of the German paintings in groups of 50 every 3 months, staggered over a period of 9 months, with 50 of the most fragile ones to be returned immediately. In the meantime, those held in this country are to be placed on exhibit in various museums. Committee continues tomorrow on UMT and selective service.

FISH AND WILDLIFE

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee To Investigate Wildlife Conservation received testimony from Dr. Albert M. Day, Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior Department; and Dr. Edward H. Graham, Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, summarizing their respective reports on wildlife conservation activities for 1947, which had been previously submitted to the subcommittee.

Glenn L. Martin, president, League of Maryland Sportsmen, also appeared, and endorsed a proposal to increase duck stamps to \$2 (embodied in S. 2482 by Senator Robertson of Virginia, which is pending before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce). He suggested changes for more efficient management of problems covered by the duck-stamp fund. Hearings continue tomorrow.

CHINA TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee opened hearings on China Treaty of Friendship and Commerce, receiving testimony in its support from Charles E. Bohlen, Counselor, Department of State; and Thomas C. Blaisdell, Director of OIT and assistant to the Secretary of Commerce. Also testifying were: Alfred Kohlberg, American-China Policy Association; Maud Russell,

Committee for Democratic Far Eastern Policy, N. Y.; Bruce Smith; and William Sloan and Thomas R. Coward, American Book Publishers Council.

ECA NOMINATION AND CLAIMS CONVENTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Friday, April 23, in executive session the committee approved favorably for reporting to the Senate the nomination of W. Averell Harriman to be U. S. special representative in Europe, and also a claims convention with Norway (Ex. G, 79th Cong., 1st sess.), involving two private claims against the two Governments and giving jurisdiction to the U. S. Court of Claims.

IRRIGATION AND RECLAMATION

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: On Friday, April 23, subcommittee met in executive session to consider bills on its calendar. Action taken will be reported to the full committee at its next meeting.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: On Friday, April 23, committee concluded hearings on S. 2231, to limit power of radio-broadcast stations, after receiving testimony in opposition to it from Victor Sholis, secretary, CCBS; Louis G. Caldwell, CCBS; Ralph Hardy and Glen A. Wilkenson, KSL, Salt Lake City.

Testifying in favor of the legislation were Commander T. A. M. Craven, Cowles Broadcasting Co.; Frank U. Fletcher, WARL, Arlington, Va.; and E. B. Craney, KXLF, Butte, Mont.

Raymond G. Guy, NBC, and Dr. E. H. Armstrong, inventor of FM, also testified.

JUDICIAL CODE AND JUDICIARY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee, continuing hearings on H. R. 3214, on title 28 of U. S. Code entitled "Judicial Code and Judiciary," received testimony from John M. Holzworth, attorney, Alexandria, Va., and adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

On Friday, April 23, the subcommittee received testimony from the following witnesses on the bill: Ed M. Otterbourg and W. A. Sutherland, American Bar Association; Cuthbert S. Baldwin, Louisiana State Bar Association; Geneva F. McQuatters, Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.; Frieda S. Miller, Women's Bureau, Department of Labor; Judge Albert B. Maris, U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia; Maurice Austin, American Institute of Accountants, New York; and Mathias F. Correa, New York State Society of CPA.

On Saturday, April 24, the following appeared: Thomas G. Carney, attorney, Georgia Society of CPA; George O. Carlson, president, California Society of CPA; James C. Thompson, CPA of Missouri; Judge Bolon B. Turner, U. S. Tax Court; and John M. Holzworth, attorney, Alexandria, Va.

GERMAN RELIEF

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee, on April 23, received testimony in support of S. 2124, to permit American citizens or eleemosynary organizations to make donations for repair of war damage in any area of Germany under U. S. Control, from: Dr. Walter Sottorf, German expert, U. S. Naval Barracks, Washington; Conrad J. Linke and Mrs. Marian Linke, Philadelphia; Dr. Leonard Enders, Abendpost, Chicago; Dr. Ludwig A. Fritsch, Chicago; Ed A. Fleckenstein, attorney, Weehawken, N. J.; Siegfried Goetze, Monrovia, Md.; and Anita Helbig, Washington, D. C.

LONGSHOREMEN AND HARBOR WORKERS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee, in executive session, voted to report to the full committee, with amendments, S. 2237, to increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Labor continued hearings on pending bills to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act, receiving testimony from the following witnesses expressing their views on the general subject: Sol Barkin, Textile Workers Union; Gladys Dickason, Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union; Irving Levy, UAWU; and H. Ramel, president, Ramsey Corp., St. Louis, for U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

On Friday, April 23, the subcommittee heard the following witnesses express their views on the general subject of amending the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938: William Glazier, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union; Seth Levine, research consultant, CIO maritime committee; Richard H. Specker, National Water Carriers' Association, Inc.; Joseph O. Earp, Northwest Towboat Association; Chester C. Thompson, American Waterways Operators, Inc.; Walter E. Maloney, National Federation of American Shipping, Inc.; and George S. Eaton, National Tool and Die Association.

CIVIL-SERVICE RETIREMENT

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: On Friday, April 23, subcommittee held hearings on S. 2100, to amend Civil Service Retirement Act to give Members of Congress, serving in war, credit for continued service as Members of Congress for such period of military service, and received testimony from Walter L. Reynolds, staff member of Senate Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments; George H. E. Smith, staff director, Senate Majority Policy Committee; Eva Adams, administrative assistant to Senator McCarran; Hayden Garber, secretary to Representative Ellsworth; and Miss Arista Huber, secretary to Representative Jenkins of Ohio, in support of an amendment to the bill on conditions effecting the retirement of legislative employees.

TVA

Committee on Public Works: On Friday, April 23, Gordon Clapp, Chairman of TVA, concluded his testimony, for the time being, in opposition to S. 1277, to amend comprehensively the TVA Act relative to internal administration and organization of the Authority.

MARYLAND SENATORIAL ELECTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections met in executive session to hear arguments of the counsel on the 1946 Maryland senatorial election contest. Subcommittee continues tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eleven public bills, H. R. 6333-6343; eleven private bills, H. R. 6344-6354; and nine resolutions, H. Res. 548-550, H. J. Res. 383-387, and H. Con. Res. 189, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 6263, providing a Federal charter for the Com-

modity Credit Corporation (H. Rept. 1790);

S. 2225, transferring the administration of the Federal Credit Union Act from the FDIC to the Federal Security Agency (H. Rept. 1791);

S. 2409, District of Columbia revenue bill for 1949

(H. Rept. 1792);

H. R. 5808, continuing nursery schools for day care of children (H. Rept. 1793);

H. R. 6087, regulating the practice of optometry

(H. Rept. 1794);

H. Res. 548, providing for consideration of H. R. 5992,

tidelands bill (H. Rept. 1795);

H. Res. 549, providing for consideration of H. R. 5963, authorizing construction of a courthouse to accommodate the U. S. Court of Appeals and the U. S. District Court, both for the District of Columbia (H. Rept. 1796);

H. Res. 550, providing for the consideration of H. R. 4954, authorizing construction and maintenance of the Kennewick division of the Yakima project, Washing-

ton (H. Rept. 1797);

H. R. 1608, authorizing Postmaster General to contract for certain powerboat service in Alaska (H. Rept.

1798);

Private bills: H. R. 810, 929, 1642, 2246, 2325, 2898, 3500, 5449, 6251, and 744 (H. Repts. 1799–1808, respectively);

S. 1132, amending section 40 of the Shipping Act of

1916 (H. Rept. 1809);

H. R. 1896, amending the act of May 29, 1944, to provide annuities for certain remarried widows (H. Rept. 1810);

H. R. 5144, providing for conveyance of Bear Lake Fish Cultural Station to Fish and Game Commission of Utah (H. Rept. 1811); Conference report on S. 2195, extension of District of Columbia emergency rent control (H. Rept. 1812);

S. 1481, authorizing the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia to establish daylight-saving

time in the District (H. Rept. 1813);

H. J. Res. 379, 380, and 381, relative to appropriating money for expenses, granting permits to the ceremonies committee, and quartering participating troops in public buildings of the District, as deemed necessary for the Presidential inauguration ceremonies in 1949 (H. Repts. 1814–1816, respectively);

S. 1493, to give Civil Service Commission final decision as to eligibility under the Veterans' Preference Act

(H. Rept. 1817);

H. J. Res. 371, to issue golden-anniversary stamp commemorating the consolidation of the five boroughs of New York City (H. Rept. 1818); and

H. R. 5053, establishing the Philadelphia National Historical Park (H. Rept. 1819).

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Bills Referred: Three Senate-passed bills, passed on April 22, were referred to appropriate committees.

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New Member: John A. Whitaker appeared in the well of the House and was sworn in as the Representative of the Second Congressional District of Kentucky.

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Oleomargarine: By a vote of 235 yeas to 121 nays the House agreed to discharge petition No. 12, discharging the Committee on Agriculture from further consideration of H. R. 2245, removing tax on oleomargarine. This action was followed by immediate consideration of the bill and 2 hours and 20 minutes of the allotted 3 hours were consumed in general debate before postponing further action until Wednesday.

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D. C. Legislation: Considered and passed the following bills from the District of Columbia Committee:

Day Care Nursery: H. R. 5808, continuing nursery schools for day care of children.

Private Bills: H. R. 6203 and H. R. 6209, private religious bills.

Revenue: S. 2409, D. C. revenue bill for 1949.

Sex Offenders: H. R. 6071, providing for treatment of sexual psychopaths.

Optometry: H. R. 6087, regulating the practice of

optometry.

Inauguration: H. J. Res. 379, 380, and 381, relative to appropriating money for expenses, granting permits to the ceremonies committee, and quartering participating troops in public buildings of the District, as deemed necessary for the Presidential inauguration ceremonies in 1949.

Daylight Saving: S. 1481, authorizing the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia to establish

daylight-saving time in the District.

D. C. Rent Control: Adopted conference report on S. 2195, continuing rent control in the District of Columbia until March 31, 1949.

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Committee Meetings

RETIREMENT—OLEO—SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: The Legal Subcommittee agreed upon the text of the report to be submitted to the full committee, at its next meeting, showing results of their investigation of retirement systems of the various branches of the services.

The Procurement Subcommittee instructed its chairman to introduce a new bill on the use of oleomargarine in the armed services containing essentially the same provisions as the resolutions they had considered. The new bill will be favorably reported to the full com-

mittee at the first opportunity.

At the hearings on H. R. 6274, selective-service bill, on Friday, April 23, the testimony of the following witnesses was received: Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., chairman, executive committee, Americans for Democratic Action; Charles F. Boss, Jr., Commission on World Peace of the Methodist; Brig. Gen. H. C. Holdridge, USA, retired; E. Paul Weaver, pastor, Huntington County, Ind.; Dr. Clarence W. Crawford, on behalf of Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president, Northern Baptist Convention, and Rev. Donald B. Cloward, executive secretary, Council of Christian Social Progress, Northern Baptist Convention; David Whaley and Thomas Reardon, lawyers, Washington, D. C.; and James O. Sargent, M. D., chairman, Council on National Emergency Medical Service, American Medical Association, accompanied by Dr. Ross Sensenich, president, AMA, and Dr. E. L. Henderson, chairman, board of trustees, AMA. Hearings tomorrow, April 27.

RFC EXTENSION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued hearings on S. 2287, extending the powers of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to 1958, and also considered

H. R. 5129 and 5637, both bills relating to taxation of certain RFC property. Testifying before the committee were Thomas Coogan of Miami, Fla., chairman, Mortgage Finance Committee, National Association of Home Builders, who urged reinstatement of the secondary market for home loans, and Jay Creswell, Plymouth, Ind., who testified in favor of an amendment to more clearly define "sound value" with respect to loans to small business. Executive session will be held tomorrow on RFC extension bill.

On Friday, April 23, the committee received the testimony of Representative Johnson of California; Frank Whitesell, assistant to Comptroller General; and Sam Neal, representing Mortgage Bankers Association, all of whom favored the general provisions of S. 2287, extending the RFC Act.

HOME RULE—INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Committee on the District of Columbia: Met in executive session on H. R. 6227, D. C. home-rule bill, taking no action thereon. Will continue on same subject

Wednesday, April 28.

Also ordered the following resolutions to be reported to the House: H. J. Res. 379, 380, and 381, relative to appropriating money for expenses, granting permits to the ceremonies committee, and quartering participating troops in public buildings of the District, as deemed necessary for the Presidential inauguration ceremonies in 1949.

ST. ELIZABETHS

Committee on Education and Labor: The Subcommittee on Institutions held executive meeting on H. R. 6289, authorizing voluntary admission and treatment of D. C. residents as mental patients at St. Elizabeths Hospital, and ordered the bill favorably reported to the full committee.

On Friday, April 23, the Welfare Subcommittee concluded its hearings on H. R. 5653, and related bills, amending the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, with the following witnesses urging the liberalizing of workmen's compensation for injured longshoremen and their families: William McCauley, Director, Bureau of Employees' Compensation; William L. Connolly, Director, Division of Labor Standards; and Mrs. Mary H. Ward, president, Workers on Guam, Wake Island, and Cavite.

INDIANA HOUSING PROJECT

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Hoffman subcommittee investigating the sale of the veterans' housing project at Knox, Ind., to the Knox Homes, Inc., instead of to veterans, heard the testimony of Representative Halleck; George Craig; attorney, Brazil, Ind., national executive committeeman of American Legion; Orvil R. Olmstead, regional administrator at Chicago, Public Housing Administration;

and Albert Levin, attorney, Lorain, Ohio, representing Knox Homes, Inc., Knox, Ind. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INTERSTATE AIR CARRIERS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Completed hearings on H. R. 6149, amending the Civil Aeronautics Act to provide for the regulation of interstate contract carriers by air, at which the following witnesses testified: Robert Ramspeck, executive vice president, Air Transport Association of America, Washington, D. C.; Emory T. Nunneley, general counsel, Civil Aeronautics Board; H. B. McCoy, Director, Office of Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce; and Commander Langdon P. Marvin, Jr., former chairman of Interdepartmental Air Cargo Priorities Committee, New York City.

IMMIGRATION—PATENTS—CONTRACT ACTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization heard the following witnesses in support of H. R. 5922 and H. R. 5929, relating to the issuance of reentry permits to certain aliens: Representative Mitchell; Delegate Farrington; and Mrs. Sau Ung Chan, representing the Chinese Benevolent Merchant Association of Honolulu, T. H.

Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights, in executive session, discussed H. R. 3929, proposing to amend the patent laws so as to protect the United

States in certain patent suits.

On Friday, April 23, Subcommittee No. 2 held hearings on H. R. 1256, limiting to 6 years the period within which contract action may be brought by the United States. The following witnesses testified: Representative Lemke; Robert McNeil and O. R. McGuire, lawyers, Washington, D. C.; Alfred U. Krebs, National Federation of American Shipping; W. L. Ellis and Albert Goldstein, General Accounting Office; Enoch Ellison, Department of Justice; and John H. Fanning, Department of the Army.

FISH AND GAME

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: The Subcommittee on Wildlife Resources Conservation heard the testimony of Milton C. James, of the Fish and Wildlife Service, at the hearings on Friday, April 23, on H. R. 6121, to establish rearing ponds and a fish hatchery on Keweenaw Peninsula, Mich., but took no action on the bill. Later, in executive session, H. R. 6030, authorizing the exchange of wildlife refuge lands in the State of Washington, was ordered reported to the full committee.

SOLANO IRRIGATION PROJECT

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation met on H. R. 5927, to authorize the Solano County project, Calif., for irrigation and reclamation, and heard the following citizens of Cali-

fornia who opposed the bill in its present form: Thomas H. Maxwell, chairman, Board of Supervisors, Napa County; Curtis Clark, landowner, Berryessa Valley; N. D. Clark, president, Berryessa Valley Protective Association; Lowell Edington, supervisor, Napa County; Thornton Scribner, mining engineer, Berryessa Valley; and Herbert Gunn, secretary, Berryessa Valley Protective Association. Stanley Kerr, project engineer, region II, Bureau of Reclamation, answered questions by committee members. Hearings continue tomorrow.

The Subcommittee on Public Lands at its meeting on Friday, April 23, ordered the following bills to be re-

ported to the full committee:

H. R. 6246, to transfer Federal lands within Chopawamsic Park to the Navy and change name of said park to Prince William Forest Park;

H. R. 5555, relative to sale or lease of public lands for

home and other sites; and

H. R. 6073, to provide for acquisition of lands for

grazing and related purposes.

Considered, in executive meeting, but deferred action on, H. R. 3378, completion of the Everglades National Park, Fla.

WEST VIRGINIA HOUSING

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds completed hearings on H. R. 5924, providing for sale of Public Housing Administration project in the vicinity of Charleston, W. Va., and S. 2288, to permit sale at cost, to veterans, of permanent war housing constructed under the provisions of the Lanham Act of 1940. Representative Ellis and B. T. Fitzpatrick, Assistant Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency, testified on this legislation.

RECLAMATION — COMPACT—TIDELANDS — D. C. COURTHOUSE

Committee on Rules: Ordered rules reported providing for general debate and consideration of amendments on the following bills:

One hour's debate on H. R. 4954, authorizing construction and maintenance of the Kennewick division of the Yakima project, Washington. Representatives Welch, Crawford, and Holmes appeared in favor of this resolution.

One hour's debate on H. J. Res. 334, granting congressional consent to regional education compact entered into between certain Southern States on February 8, 1948, Representatives Reed of Illinois and Hobbs appeared in favor of this resolution.

Two hours' debate on H. R. 5992, the tidelands bill. Representatives Reed of Illinois and Gossett appeared in

favor of this resolution.

Later, in executive session, the committee reported a rule providing one hour's debate on H. R. 5963, to construct a courthouse to accommodate the U. S. Court of Appeals and the U. S. District Court, both for the District of Columbia.

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TAXATION—SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued its consideration of general tax revision and reviewed proposed changes in the tax structure offered by members of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation. Executive meeting continues tomorrow.

The Subcommittee on Social Security resumed its executive sessions on the subject of social-security legislation. Adjourned until Wednesday.

Joint Committee Meetings

NAVAJO INDIANS

Joint Meeting: Subcommittees on Indian Affairs of Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and House Public Lands Committee, on April 23, concluded hearings on S. 2363, Navajo Indian rehabilitation bill, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth P. Clark, Massachusetts Indian Association; Mrs. Edgar L. Rossin

and Oliver LaFarge, both of the Association of American Indian Affairs, Inc., J. M. Stewart, superintendent of Navajo Reservation; Joe Duncan, Shiprock, N. Mex.; Norman Littell, attorney for the Navajo Indians; Max Drefkoff, Ralph Carr, United Indian Traders Association; William Zimmerman, Jr., Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs; E. R. Fryer, Acting Director of Resources for Indian Bureau; M. E. Woodard, Gallup, N. Mex.; and Barry Goldwater, Phoenix, Ariz.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

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S. 2038, to conduct research on foot-and-mouth disease. Signed April 24, 1948 (P. L. 496); and

H. R. 3703, authorizing transfer of surplus property to Department of Interior for consolidation of Federal holdings within areas administered by the National Park Service. Signed April 24, 1948 (P. L. 497).

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HIGHLIGHTS

D. C. Courthouse bill passed by House.

Senate groups approved bills on housing, post office, civil service, and public works.

Federal Barge Lines disposal bill ordered reported by House committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Continuing hearings on H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations, subcommittee received testimony from Senator Bricker on subsidy on cotton insulation, and from Senator Stennis on funds for various items in the bill. Testimony was also received from a number of witnesses representing various private groups throughout the country on funds for farm forestry, soil-conservation research, conservation payments and program, school-lunch program, market news service on poultry and eggs and market news service generally, Warehouse Act Administration, inspection supervisors, and Farmers Home Administration con-

cerning loans for veterans. Hearings continue tomorrow.

NATIONAL DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee, continuing hearings on H. R. 6226, making supplemental appropriations for national defense for fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, received testimony from Secretary of Air Force Symington and Secretary of Navy Sullivan, together with their aides, on funds for construction of aircraft for the Departments of Air Force and Navy. Hearings continue Thursday.

UMT AND SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in executive session with Secretary of Defense Forrestal, Secretary of Army Royall, and Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Director, Office of Selective Service Records, together with various of their assistants, to continue work on the drafting of a proposed bill on UMT and the reenactment

of selective service. These officials of the armed services presented a new military-training proposal for the committee's consideration.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: By a vote of II to 0, the committee approved favorably the nomination of Tighe E. Woods to be Housing Expediter.

It also voted to approve a bill (to be introduced tomorrow) for a 1-month extension of mortgage-loan insurance under title VI of the National Housing Act, and to authorize an additional \$250 million for that purpose. It is expected that the bill will be called up in the Senate tomorrow if unanimous consent to that effect is granted.

FISH AND WILDLIFE

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee To Investigate Wildlife Conservation continued its hearings on wildlife-conservation activities of Federal agencies for 1947, receiving testimony from Wesley R. Nelson, Bureau of Reclamation, and Victor H. Cahalane, National Park Service, both of Department of Interior; Lloyd W. Swift, Division of Wildlife Management, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Lt. Col. H. C. Gee, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, who presented digests of reports of their respective departments on wildlife-conservation functions during 1947. Hearings continue tomorrow.

WILDLIFE IN UPPER MISSISSIPPI

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee held hearings on H. R. 2721, maintenance of water level in upper Mississippi River for wildlife purposes, receiving testimony in favor of the legislation from Representative August H. Andresen and Donald J. Chaney, chief counsel, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior. A statement by Chester Thomas, president, American Waterways Operators, Inc., in opposition to the bill, was read into the record. Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, Chief of Engineers, Department of Army, also testified.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Continuing hearings on pending bills to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act, subcommittee heard the following witnesses express their views generally on the subject: Tyre Taylor, Southern States Industrial Council; Gen. Joseph B. Fraser, Southern Pine Industry Committee; Walter S. Johnson, National Lumber Manufacturers Association; Bernard E. Urheim, American Retail Coal Association; John F. Lane, American Institute of Laundering; Miss Dolly Lowther, Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union; and Martin C. Kyne, Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union. Hearings continue tomorrow.

POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE BILLS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: In executive session the committee voted to report favorably the following bills:

S. 2510, authorizing certain administrative expenses in Post Office Department, including pneumatic-tube systems;

S. 2285, relative to wage rates for navy-yard employees;

S. 2152, to increase maximum travel allowance for railway postal clerks;

S. 2224, to amend Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 regarding priority rights of veterans entitled to 10-point preference under such act;

H. J. Res. 341, authorizing stamps commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of founding of Fort Kearney, Nebr.;

H. J. Res. 340, authorizing stamps commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of the American Turners Society in the U. S.;

H. J. Res. 304, authorizing stamps commemorating one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Joel Chandler Harris;

H. R. 4236, preventing discrimination against physically handicapped persons in the civil service;

H. R. 1189, allowing seniority privilege of transfer to certain vacancies on rural-carrier routes; and

H. R. 3638, amending the National Archives Act, to provide statutory authority for appropriations to be furnished to the National Archives.

Representative Youngblood appeared in behalf of his bill, H. J. Res. 340.

Committee considered S. J. Res. 193, to grant free postage to members of armed forces while confined in military or naval hospital, and certain veterans under treatment, but final action was held over.

It was voted to report favorably one postmaster nomination.

VA PERSONNEL

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee, in connection with S. Res. 41, to investigate certain matters relating to officers and employees of the Federal Government, received further testimony on the handling of claims by schools operating under the GI bill of rights from William Emile Jennifer, Jennifer Business College; Leon Calhoun, E. K. Gubin, attorney, and Joseph F. DiCare, all of Washington, D. C.; and John Galbraith, Director, Inspection and Investigation Service, Veterans' Administration, with Investigators Fry and Peedrick, both of his staff.

PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Public Works: In executive session the committee voted to report favorably to the Senate the following bills:

H. R. 3219, authorizing appointment of special policemen on property under jurisdiction of FWA, with amendments;

H. R. 4068, authorizing the FWA to construct a GAO building;

S. 1025, improving harbor at Nome, Alaska, with amendments;

S. 2262, construction of dam in the Lumber River, N. C.; and

S. 2284, construction of courthouse for the Court of Appeals and District Court in D. C.

MARYLAND SENATORIAL ELECTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections, in executive session, completed hearing of the final arguments by the counsel in the Maryland senatorial election contest.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eight public bills, H. R. 6355–6362; three private bills, H. R. 6363–6365; and eleven resolutions, H. Res. 551–559, H. J. Res. 388, and H. Con Res. 190, were introduced.

Pages 4896, 4902, 4922

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. Res. 551, providing for the consideration of H. J. Res. 334, giving the consent of Congress to the compact on regional education entered into between the Southern States at Tallahassee, Fla., on February 8, 1948 (H. Rept. 1820);

H. R. 6355, supplemental Federal Security Agency appropriation bill, fiscal year 1949 (H. Rept. 1821);

H. Res. 552, relative to the contested-election case of Mankin against Davis of Georgia (H. Rept. 1822);

H. Res. 553, relative to the contested-election case of Lowe against Davis of Georgia (H. Rept. 1823); and

H. Res. 559, providing for consideration of H. R. 6355, making supplemental appropriations for Federal Security Agency, 1949 (H. Rept. 1824).

Pages 4921-4922

Bills Referred: Seventeen Senate-passed bills, passed on April 26, were referred to appropriate committees.

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First Deficiency: Agreed to request of Senate for a conference on H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriations, and appointed Representatives Taber, Wigglesworth, Engel of Michigan, Stefan, Case of South Dakota, Keefe, Cannon, Kerr, and Mahon as conferees on the part of the House.

Radiotelegraph: Agreed to Senate amendment to H. R. 1036, licensing radiotelegraph operators on merchant vessels, thus clearing the bill for the White House.

Page 4901

Contested Election: Adopted H. Res. 552 and 553, recommending the contested-election cases of Mankin against Davis of Georgia, and Lowe against Davis of Georgia, be dismissed as lacking in merit.

Page 4902

Veto Message: Received a message from the President expressing disapproval of H. R. 388, a private bill.

Pages 4902-4903

Firewood: Pursuant to H. Con. Res. 188, the President returned H. R. 5328, permitting free entry of bark, sawdust, and other wood waste when compressed or ground for use as firewood.

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Subpena: Adopted H. Res. 556, permitting compliance with subpena, served on Member, to appear in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

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D. C. Courthouse: Considered and passed H. R. 5963, authorizing construction of a courthouse to accommodate the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia. H. Res. 549, providing for consideration of the courthouse bill, was previously adopted.

Pages 4903-4908

Foreign Ship Taxes: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 5448, extending exemptions to earnings of aircraft under foreign registry, as now granted foreign-flag ships, thus clearing the bill for Presidential action.

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Committee Meetings

MEAT INSPECTION

Committee on Agriculture: Held hearings on H. R. 5675, H. R. 6259, and S. 2256, relating to the Federal Meat Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture. Representative Dirksen opposed the legislation, and the following witnesses testified in favor of it: Representative Ploeser, author of H. R. 6259; David Dolnick, research director, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, AFL; Albert K. Mitchell, New Mexico Cattle Raisers Association; J. F. Krey, chairman of the board of the American Meat Institute and executive vice president of the Krey Packing Co.; Henry Neuhoff, president, National Independent Meat

Packers Association, and president of Neuhoff Bros.; Chancellor E. Weymouth, past president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association; J. B. Wilson, chairman of the legislative committee, National Wool Growers Association; F. E. Mollin, secretary, American National Livestock Association; Blaine Liljenquist, Washington representative, Western States Meat Packers Association; John J. Riggle, representative of the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives; Dr. Jesse Sanders, representative of the National Grange; George Dressler, executive secretary, National Retail Meat Dealers Association; and William H. Youngclas, Iowa Swine Producers Association. Continues tomorrow in executive session.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Full committee met in executive session to further consider H. R. 6274, selective-service bill, and H. R. 6341 and H. R. 6342, Army and Navy public works bills. Agreed to report H. R. 6341 and 6342 favorably to the House. Continue discussion of selective-service bill tomorrow.

The Special Subcommittee on Oil also met in an executive meeting.

RFC EXTENSION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued discussion, in executive session, of S. 2287, extending the powers of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to 1958, and will continue on the same subject tomorrow.

BUSINESS LICENSES

Committee on the District of Columbia: The Judiciary Subcommittee in its hearings on H. R. 6106, permitting electrical contractors of 5 years' experience to continue in business without passing a master electricians' examination, heard the testimony of J. S. Zebley, Office of Engineer Commissioner; Col. Kenneth E. Madson, Assistant Engineer Commissioner; and C. F. Preller, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, all of whom opposed the bill. Appearing in favor of the measure were James H. Biscoe; Ethel Gilchrist, president, Washington Hairdressers Association; Maurice Colbert, Plumbing Contractors Association; F. P. Gilliam; Royal G. Justus; Max Peltz; E. D. Hackett; Peter Bencich; Seymour Levy; R. Archie Burgess; Milton Wolf; Jack Remson; Ben Fleitel; James Hill; J. B. Bencich; and Theodore Mullican and Martin Wills, electrical inspectors, District Building, all of Washington, D. C.; and Roy Miller, of Kensington, Md.

LABOR EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Education Subcommittee resumed hearings on H. R. 6202 and 6249, establishing in the Department of Labor a Labor Extension Service to promote the welfare of wage earners through a program for the dissemination of useful information, and heard J. O. Keller, Penn State College, representing the National University Extension Association, and Dr. H. M. Griffiths, council staff, National Economic Council, Inc., both of whom opposed the program; while Representative Tollefson, author of H. R. 6249, and Frank L. Fernbach, vice president, National Committee for Extension of Labor Education, spoke on behalf of the legislation. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES—INDIANA HOUSING

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda heard testimony of Senator Downey in its investigation of charges of propaganda activities by officials and employees of the Bureau of Reclamation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

The Hoffman subcommittee investigating the sale of the veterans' housing project at Knox, Ind., to the Knox Homes, Inc., instead of to veterans, heard Everett W. Lothrop, assistant director for disposition, Chicago area, Public Housing Administration. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held executive session to consider bills pending before the committee. Will continue on same topic tomorrow.

BARGE LINES—CITIZENSHIP—CLAIMS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in executive session and ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 5318, as amended, relative to sale of barge lines and facilities by the Inland Waterways Corporation;

H. R. 5960, amending the Trading With the Enemy Act, changing date for acquiring citizenship status by women; and

H. R. 6116, amending the Trading With the Enemy Act, so as to extend the time for filing certain claims against the Alien Property Custodian.

DP'S-PRIVATE CLAIM

Committee on the Judiciary: Continued discussion of H. R. 6163, relative to admission of displaced persons, and later reported H. R. 5546, a private claim bill, to the House.

SOLANO IRRIGATION PROJECT

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation concluded its hearings on H. R. 5927, Solano County irrigation project in California. Stanley Kerr, project engineer, Bureau of Reclamation, presented cost statistics to the group, and Thomas Maxwell, chairman, board of supervisors; N. D. Clark, supervisor; and Mr. Lowell Edington, supervisor, Napa County, Calif., testified in opposition to the bill. Frank O. Bell, E. H. Russell, Howard Vaughan, and E. H. Uhl, spoke on behalf of the measure.

WATER POLLUTION

Committee on Public Works: Ordered S. 418, as amended, to be reported favorably to the House. This measure provides for a stream-pollution-control program to be undertaken by the U. S. Public Health Service of the FSA and in the Federal Works Agency.

LABOR-FSA SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Committee on Rules: Granted a rule, waiving all points of order, for consideration of H. R. 6355, supplemental Federal Security Agency appropriation bill. Representative Keefe favored the resolution.

VETERANS' HOUSING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Resumed executive sessions to mark up H. R. 4488, and related measures, dealing with veterans homestead associations. Continues on this subject tomorrow.

TAXATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued its consideration of general tax revision, reviewing proposed changes in the tax structure offered by members of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation. Executive meeting continues tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D290)

- S. J. Res. 207, to provide for the commemoration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of establishment of Navy Department. Signed April 26, 1948 (P. L. 498); and
- S. 1583, regarding conveyance of parcel of land for use of University of Maryland. Signed April 27, 1948 (P. L. 499).

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate cleared three D. C. bills for President, and ratified two treaties.

Oleomargarine-tax-repeal bill passed by House.

Conferees agreed on first deficiency appropriation bill, and Senate group approved anti-poll-tax measure.

Bill to curb communism ordered reported by House committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Twenty-two bills and one resolution were introduced as follows: S. 2562 to S. 2583; and S. Res. 226.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2565, providing for a 1-month extension of mortgage-loan insurance under title VI of the National Housing Act, and authorizing an additional \$250 million (S. Rept. 1168);

S. 2281, to provide for an air parcel-post service

(S. Rept. 1169);

S. 2285, relative to wage rates for navy-yard employees,

with amendments (S. Rept. 1170);

H. R. 4068, authorizing the FWA to construct a GAO building (S. Rept. 1171);

S. 2284, construction of courthouse for the Court of Appeals and District Court in D. C., with amendments (S. Rept. 1172);

S. 1025, improving harbor at Nome, Alaska, with

amendments (S. Rept. 1173);

S. 2262, construction of dam in the Lumber River, N. C. (S. Rept. 1174);

Report on Evaluation of Effect of Legislative Re-

organization Act of 1946 (S. Rept. 1175);

Reports of Special Committee To Investigate National Defense Program (parts 4, 5, and 6 of S. Rept. 440);

S. Res. 215, to provide \$10,000 for Foreign Relations

Committee (no written report);

S. Res. 224, to provide \$5,000 for Armed Services

Committee (no written report);

S. Con. Res. 48, Joint Committee on Arrangements for Inauguration of President-Elect, to be held on January 20, 1949 (no written report);

S. Res. 220, to print 2,000 additional copies of S. Rept. 950 on immigration system (no written report);

H. Con. Res. 182, to print House Document entitled "Housing in America" (no written report); and

S. Con. Res. 51, to print 1,000 additional copies of hearings on national resources (no written report).

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Development of Airports: A departmental request on airports was referred to Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and ordered to be printed as S. Doc. 151.

Bill Placed on Calendar: H. R. 5963, authorizing construction of courthouse to accommodate U. S. Court of Appeals for D. C. and District Court of the U. S. for D. C.

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Bills Referred: Eight House-passed bills, passed on April 26, 1948, were referred to appropriate committees.

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Military Academy: Senators Ferguson and Green were appointed members of the Board of Visitors to U. S. Military Academy for 1948.

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Resolutions Passed: The following resolutions were adopted (for complete titles see Senate committee reports, Committee on Rules and Administration):

S. Res. 220, H. Con. Res. 182, and S. Con. Res. 51, printing resolutions;

S. Con. Res. 48, on inauguration of President-elect;

- S. Res. 215 and S. Res. 224, additional expenditures for Committees on Foreign Relations and Armed Services: and
- S. Res. 226, to print 7,000 additional copies of part 6 of S. Rept. 440, report of Special Committee To Investigate the National Defense Program.

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- D. C. Rent Control: Senate adopted conference report on S. 2195, to continue rent control in the D. C. until March 31, 1949, thus clearing the bill for the President's signature.

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- D. C. Daylight Saving: House amendment to S. 1481, daylight-saving time for D. C., was concurred in, and the bill cleared for the President's signature. Page 4924
- D. C. Revenue: House amendment to S. 2409, to amend the D. C. Revenue Act to exempt certain business transactions from franchise tax, was concurred in, thus clearing the bill for the President's signature.

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Treaties Ratified: Senate ratified two protocols as follows: (1) extension to October 1, 1948, of Inter-American Coffee Agreement (Ex. A, 80th Cong., 2d sess.); and (2) prolonging until August 31, 1948, International Agreement on Regulation of Production and Marketing of Sugar (Ex. C, 80th Cong., 2d sess.).

Nominations: The nomination of Thomas C. Wasson, New Jersey, to be U. S. representative on Truce Commission for Palestine, established by the UN Security Council, and that of a collector of customs at Honolulu were received.

Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee met in executive session to consider for reporting S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program. Committee continues Friday.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Continuing hearings on H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations, subcommittee received testimony from Representatives Sasscer, Beall, and Jenkins of Pennsylvania on funds for Japanese beetle control; from Clyde T. Ellis, and group, National Rural Electric Co-op Association, on REA; H. L. Wingate, National Cotton Council, on several items carried in the bill; and George J. Hecht, on school-lunch program. Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee held hearings on S. 2417, to adjust the premium charge of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, and H. R. 2799, amending Federal Home Loan Bank and National Housing Act relative to certain capital-stock retirements and insurance premiums and assessments. Raymond M. Foley, Housing and Home Finance Administrator, and William K. Divers, Chairman of Home Loan Bank Board, testified on H. R. 2799 and offered amendments in the nature of a substitute to the bill. Carl H. Ellingson, National Savings and Loan League, and Ralph M. Smith and Horace Russell, both of the U. S. Saving and Loan League, appeared in support of the substitute amendments.

Both Messrs. Foley and Divers appeared in opposition to S. 2417, while Messrs. Ellingson, Smith, and Rus-

sell favored it.

INAUGURATION CEREMONY AND D. C. BILLS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee ordered the following bills reported to the full committee, after receiving testimony in support of the bills by the respective witnesses listed below:

H. R. 6203, incorporating the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington a corporation sole, with Vernon West, D. C. Counsel, and George Hamilton, in behalf of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Washington, testifying;

H. R. 6209, amending the act incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation of the D. C., with Vernon West and J. Clifford Folger, member of the Cathedral Chapter, testifying; and

H. J. Res. 379, 380, and 381, authorizing funds for expenses, granting permits to Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, and quartering participating troops in public buildings of the District, with Vernon West testifying.

FISH AND WILDLIFE

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Continuing its hearings on wildlife conservation activities by Federal agencies during 1947, the Subcommittee To Investigate Wildlife Conservation received testimony from the following witnesses: J. Hammond Brown, American Waterfowl Committee; Nash Buckingham, Outdoor Writers' Association of America; Marion Clawson, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior; I. T. Quinn, Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, and International Association of Game, Fish, and Conservation; Harry E. Johnson, Ohio Division of Conservation and Natural Resources; Frank Mulkern, Izaak Walton League; Michael Hudoba, Sports Afield; and Carl D. Shoemaker, formerly secretary of the Senate Special Committee on Conservation of Wildlife Resources.

The above witnesses also discussed various aspects of S. 2482, to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act (which is pending before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce), and favored the increase of duck stamps from \$1 to \$2.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Public Lands met in executive session to consider bills on its calendar. Action taken will be reported to the full committee at its next meeting.

INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Indians met in executive session to consider bills on its calendar. Action taken will be reported to the full committee at its next meeting.

FUR LABELING

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee held hearings on S. 1388, to protect fur handlers against improper identification of fur products and articles made from fur, and received testimony in opposition to the bill from Harvey Mann and David R. Hochberg, the American Fur Merchants' Association Inc.; Alfred Fuchs, Fur Brokers Association, Inc; and Joseph L. Stein, Fur Dressers and Fur Dyers Association, Inc. Joseph H. Francis, Morgan, Utah, appeared in support of the measure. Henry Miller, FTC, testified for the information of the subcommittee.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE BILLS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: In executive session the subcommittee approved for reporting to the full committee the following bills, with amendment: H. R. 3350, relative to navigation rules on

western rivers; and without amendment: S. 2426, omnibus bill to amend the ICC Act (identical to H. R. 5623, now pending on House Calendar); S. 2216, to amend ICC Act to clarify the jurisdiction of joint boards; and H. R. 2759, to amend ICC Act relative to statute of limitations on undercharges and overcharges.

DISTRICT COURT NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Continuing hearings on the nomination of Edward Allen Tamm, to be associate justice of the Federal District Court for D. C., the subcommittee received testimony from Charles Loring, chief justice of Minnesota; Victor Anderson, a district attorney of Minnesota; and Philip Neville, secretary of the Minnesota Board of Bar Examiners. Subcommittee meets in executive session on this nomination on Monday.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee continued hearings on pending bills to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act, and heard the following witnesses express their views on the proposed legislation: Charles W. Holman, National Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation; Ron Kennedy, Grain and Feed Dealers National Association; A. C. Remele, Northwest Country Elevator Association; John Hinck, Corning, Iowa; H. L. Mitchell, National Farm Labor Union; and William A. Quinlan and Joseph Creed, American Bakers Association. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee ordered reported to the full committee at its next meeting on Tuesday, May 4, S. 1492, to amend Social Security Act to provide unemployment compensation to Federal employees, after receiving testimony from the following witnesses: Miss Elizabeth M. Lipscomb, Legal Division, Civil Service Commission; Wilbur J. Cohen, Social Security Administration; Luther C. Steward, National Federation of Federal Employees; Col. Charles I. Stengle, American Federation of Government Employees; Arthur Stein, United Public Workers of America; William C. Armbrust, United National Association of Post Office Clerks; Paul M. Castiglioni, National Federation of Post Office Motor Vehicle Employees; E. C. Hallbeck, National Federation of Post Office Clerks; George Warfel, National Association of Special Delivery Messengers; Ross Messer, National Association of Post Office Mechanics and Custodial Employees; Mary A. Conway, Government Employees Council; and Walter L. Disbrown, Retired Federal Civil Service Employees.

ANTI-POLL-TAX AND MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: In executive session the committee approved the following bills and

resolutions for reporting to the Senate: H. R. 29, to make unlawful the payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite to voting in a primary or other election for national officers; S. Res. 215, to provide an additional \$10,000 for expenditures by the Foreign Relations Committee; S. Res. 224, to provide an additional \$5,000 for expenditures by the Armed Services Committee; S. Con. Res. 48, authorizing a joint committee for arrangements for inauguration of President-elect, to be held on Janu-

ary 20, 1949; S. Res. 220, to print 2,000 additional copies of S. Rept. 950, on investigation of immigration system; H. Con. Res. 182, to print as House document, analysis on housing entitled "Housing in America," for Joint Committee on Housing; and S. Con. Res. 51, to print 1,000 additional copies of hearings on national resources, for Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

The nomination of John J. Deviny, to be Public Printer, was favorably approved.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventeen public bills, H. R. 6366-6382; three private bills, H. R. 6383-6385; and five resolutions, H. Res. 560-562, and H. J. Res. 389 and 390, were introduced.

Pages 5009-5010, 5026-5027

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Supplemental report on H. R. 3748, increasing compensation rates paid to surviving widows, children, and dependent parents of deceased veterans of both World Wars (pt. II, H. Rept. 1068);

H. R. 5546, private bill (H. Rept. 1825);

Disposition of certain executive papers (H. Rept. 1826);

H. R. 6341, authorizing construction of certain public

works by the Navy (H. Rept. 1827);

H. R. 6342, authorizing establishment of military installations by the Army and the Air Force (H. Rept. 1828);

S. 418, providing for a stream-pollution-control program to be undertaken by the U. S. Public Health Service of the FSA and in the FWA (H. Rept. 1829);

Conference report on H. R. 6055, first deficiency ap-

propriation bill for 1948 (H. Rept. 1830);

S. 1605, authorizing payment to the Swiss Government for claims of war damage inflicted by U. S. armed forces during World War II (H. Rept. 1831); and

H. R. 4917, providing further benefits for World War II veterans who are Federal employees and lost opportunity for probational civil-service appointments due to military service or service-connected disabilities (H. Rept. 1832).

Pages 5009, 5026

Oleomargarine: After rejecting all proffered amendments, except one making the effective date July 1, 1948, the House passed, 260 yeas to 106 nays, H. R. 2245, repealing the tax on oleomargarine.

Pages 4971-5008

Subpenas: Adopted H. Res. 560, 561, and 562, permitting compliance with subpenas served on Members to appear in court.

Pages 5009-5010

Communism: Granted to the Committee on Un-American Activities permission to file by midnight, April 30, a report on H. R. 5852, requiring registration of Communist-front organizations.

Committee Meetings

MEAT INSPECTION—CATTLE GRUBS

Committee on Agriculture: The full committee, in executive session, considered S. 2256, H. R. 5675, and H. R. 6259, to restore Federal Government's financial responsibility for Federal meat-inspection service, and voted to report S. 2256 to the House.

Subcommittee No. 4 held hearings on legislation providing for eradication of the cattle grub and heard the following witnesses who testified in favor of the program: Dr. Christian Norgord, Washington representative, American Humane Society; L. B. Jackson, director, Tanners' Council Hide Bureau; J. T. Sanders, National Grange; Cedric Hall, Harnick, Iowa; Jack Deathmers, Garner, Iowa; Dr. Benjamin Schwartz, Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture; and Dr. E. F. Knipling, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Service: Continued executive discussions of H. R. 6274, selective-service bill, and will meet on same topic tomorrow.

RFC EXTENSION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued consideration, in executive session, of S. 2287, extending the powers of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to 1958, and will continue on the same subject tomorrow.

HOME RULE

Committee on the District of Columbia: Resumed consideration, in executive meeting, of H. R. 6227, D. C. home-rule bill. Adjourned until Monday, May 3.

PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES—INDIANA HOUSING

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda heard further testimony of Senator Downey in its investigation of charges of propaganda activities by officials and employees of the Bureau of Reclamation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Hoffman subcommittee concluded its hearings on the investigation of sale of veterans' housing project at Knox, Ind., to the Knox Homes, Inc., instead of to veterans. The following witnesses testified: Col. C. Russell Cravens, former Assistant Commissioner in Charge of Real Estate Disposition, FPHA; Walter Barker, appraiser for FPHA; John K. George, veterans' affairs officer, Starke County, Ind.; and William Pilz, Kenneth Wright, and Richard Van Deman, residents of the Knox project.

WAR DAMAGE CLAIMS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered S. 1605 reported favorably to the House. This bill authorizes payment to the Swiss Government for claims of war damage caused by U. S. Armed forces during World War II. As reported, the bill would lower the amount of \$12,000,000, allowed in the Senate bill, to \$10,607,000. The committee also announced that hearings would start on the UN structure, and relations between the UN and United States, on Tuesday, May 4, with Warren R. Austin, U. S. representative to the United Nations, tentatively scheduled as the first witness.

PRINTING

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Printing met in executive session to consider bills presently pending before that unit, but no action was taken. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Heard the following proponent witnesses at its hearings on H. R. 3871, amending the Federal Trade Commission Act, defining the Commission's powers and duties: Leslie D. Taggart, attorney; John D. Sullivan, counsel, Advertising Federation of America; Isaac W. Digges, general counsel, Association of National Advertisers; and Henry B. King, secretary, U. S. Trade Mark Association, all of New York City.

BANKRUPTCY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Bankruptcy agreed to report favorably to the full committee H. R. 5693, which amends several sections of the Bankruptcy Act. Many of the changes are merely clarifications of existing law. Announced hearings would be held on May 7 on H. R. 2412 and H. R. 5834, which propose to amend section 60a of the Bankruptcy Act.

MERCHANT MARINE

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Frazer A. Bailey, president, National Federation of American Shipping, testified at the hearings on H. J. Res. 377, to encourage investment for further construction and strengthening of the merchant marine, and remove certain inequities in the Merchant Marine Act of 1936.

CHOCTAW-CHICKASAW INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Indian Affairs ordered reported to the full committee H. J. Res. 363, providing for congressional ratification of a contract for Federal purchase of certain lands and mineral deposits owned by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations of Indians. The following witnesses testified in favor of the resolution: Representative Stigler; Judge D. C. McCurtain, Poteau, Okla., representing the Indians; Ben Dwight, attorney for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian Tribes; Norman Cray, Office of the Solicitor, Department of the Interior; and John H. Provinse, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

COMMUNISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: Ordered reported to the House, as amended, H. R. 5852, to combat un-American activities by curbing communism, and requiring the registration with the Justice Department of all Communist-front organizations.

VETERANS' HOUSING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Continued executive session to mark up H. R. 4488, and related measures, dealing with veterans' homestead associations. Continues on this subject tomorrow.

TAXATION—SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued its consideration of general tax revision, reviewing proposed changes in the tax structure offered by members of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation. Executive meeting continues tomorrow.

The Subcommittee on Social Security resumed its study of social-security legislation in an executive meeting. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Joint Committee Meetings FOREIGN ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Joint Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation: The committee, consisting of 10 members, 3 Senators from the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, 3 Representatives of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House, 2 Senators of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and 2 Representatives of the House Appropriations Committee, met in executive session to consider the foreign economic cooperation program. Committee meets again tomorrow.

FIRST DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION

Conferees on H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriation bill, reached final agreement to file conference report. Some amendments were reported in disagreement.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D294)

S. 560, prohibiting operation of gambling ships. Signed April 27, 1948 (P. L. 500); and

H. R. 4931, to amend title 17 of the U. S. Code entitled "Copyrights," to increase fee. Signed April 27, 1948 (P. L. 501).

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HIGHLIGHTS

House passed FSA supplemental appropriation bill and adopted conference report on first deficiency bill for 1948.

Senate groups approved bills on national defense appropriations, interstate commerce, equal rights for women, and numerous private bills.

Bills on displaced persons and RFC extension voted by House committees.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, April 30.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Continuing hearings on H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations, the subcommittee received testimony from officials of the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Grange, generally on the whole bill.

In an afternoon session Senators Wiley, Cooper, and Johnson discussed the Forest Service provisions, and Representative Tollefson, fisheries under the Research and Marketing Act. The following witnesses testified as follows: H. C. Krause, National Crushed Stone Association, on conservation; Larry Cook, National Coal Association, on research on strip mine banks; J. B. Wilson, National Wool Growers Association, and Charles I. Stengle, American Federation of Government Employees, on meat inspection; Joseph H. Francis, National Board of Fur Farm Organizations, on fur farms; Delegate Bartlett, on development and clearing loans in Alaska; Delegate Farrington, on mango fruitfly investigations; and R. A. Colgan, National Lumber Manufacturers Association, on Forest Service. Hearings continue tomorrow.

NATIONAL DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: In executive session the committee approved for reporting H. R. 6226, making supplemental appropriations for national defense for fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, providing a total of \$3,233,200,000 in direct appropriations and contract authorizations for the construction of airplanes and for other military purposes.

NAVAJO INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee met in executive session to consider S. 2363, Navajo Indian rehabilitation bill. Action taken will be reported to the full committee at its next meeting.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE BILLS AND NOMINATIONS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: In executive session the committee approved for reporting the following bills:

With amendments:

H. R. 3350, relative to navigation rules on western rivers;

H. R. 3505, to rehabilitate oyster beds in Mississippi and Louisiana;

H. R. 3510, to authorize airport in Anchorage, Alaska; S. 2451, to encourage development of international airtransportation system;

S. 1979, authorizing studies of soft-shell clam; and S. 2426, omnibus bill to amend the ICC Act;

And without amendment:

H. R. 2759, to amend ICC Act relative to statute of limitations on undercharges and overcharges;

H. R. 107, to acquire land in California for wildlife management and control;

H. R. 4018, relating to the transfer of surplus lands for wildlife purposes;

H. R. 4071, to amend the Food and Drug Act to authorize seizure of adulterated or misbranded products;

S. 3, to provide for the training of air-traffic-control-tower operators;

S. 2216, to amend the ICC Act to clarify the jurisdiction of joint boards; and

H. R. 4892, relative to retirement pay of officers who have served as assistant commandants or engineers in chief of the U. S. Coast Guard.

The committee agreed to meet in executive session on May 5 to consider H. R. 4051, to amend the Natural Gas Act.

After brief hearings on the following nominations, the committee ordered them reported favorably: Delos Wilson Rentzel, Virginia, to be Administrator of Civil Aeronautics; Russell B. Adams, West Virginia, to be a member of the CAB; Charles Sawyer, Ohio, to be Secretary of Commerce; and Harrington Wimberly, Oklahoma, to be a member of the FPC.

Committee agreed to hold hearings on May 6 on the nomination of Thomas Chalmers Buchanan, Pennsylvania, to be a member of the FPC.

EQUAL RIGHTS, CLAIMS, AND IMMIGRATION BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: The committee, in executive session, ordered reported to the Senate, with amendments, S. J. Res. 76, equal rights for women. S. J. Res. 67, commission to study legal status of women, was indefinitely postponed.

The following bills were also ordered reported, with amendments:

H. R. 3566, to amend Immigration Act relative to deportation of deportable aliens;

H. R. 1878, to deny admission to U. S. of persons deemed to endanger the public safety; and

H. R. 5193, to amend the Nationality Act relative to naturalizing aliens who served in armed forces.

Action on the following two bills was held over: H. R. 1975, relative to deportation proceedings against aliens; and S. 2219, settlement of certain claims of military personnel and civilian employees of the Federal Government.

The following 9 private claims bills were approved, without amendment: H. R. 1953, 1392, 2000, 345, 3189, 1653, and 4129; with amendment: S. 1835 and 1703.

The following 18 private immigration bills were approved, without amendment: H. R. 338, 817, 831, 1022, 1724, 1749, 2418, 3224, 3608, 3787, 3824, 3880, 4050, 4130, 4631, and 3740; with amendment: S. 668 and 2060.

The committee authorized the chairman to introduce and report resolutions to refer the following bills to the Court of Claims: H. R. 1226 (S. 1585) and S. 662.

S. 42, antilynching bill, was discussed, but final action was held over until next Monday.

The nomination of Otto P. Ault, of Tennessee, to be U. S. attorney for the eastern district of Tennessee, was approved favorably.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Continuing hearings on pending bills to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act, subcommittee received testimony from the following witnesses expressing their views on such legislation: Sam Eubanks, American Newspaper Guild; Ed M. Anderson, National Editorial Association; John H. Todd, National Cotton Compress and Cotton Warehouse Association; H. T. Austern, National Canners Association; and John A. Fulham, National Fisheries Institute, Inc. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee ordered reported to full committee, S. 1701, reemployment rights of Government employees released to private war work; voted reported unfavorably, S. 2324, civil-service preference to former Government employees; and recommended indefinite postponement of S. 2327, to amend Act To Preserve Equities of Permanent Classified Civil-Service Employees, after hearing testimony from the following persons: Joseph Winslow, Bureau of the Budget; Oliver C. Short, Department of Commerce; Dr. Homer C. King, ODT; Hugh L. Elsbree, Library of Congress; Arthur S. Flemming, Civil Service Commissioner, accompanied by Dr. Henry F. Hubbard and Harold Leich; Col. A. H. Onthank, Department of Army; Capt. Joseph Bird, Department of Navy; George Sweet and Donald C. Knapp, VA; Luther C. Steward, National Federation of Federal Employees; George MacElroy, VFW; Harry Hayden, American Legion; Charles Foster, DAV; Arch K. Jean, Department of State; Charles L. Pace, National Association of War Veterans in Federal Employment; E. C. Hallbeck, National Federation of Post Office Clerks; Ross Messer, Post Office Custodial Employees; Frank

Reagan, International Association of Machinists, accompanied by Charles M. Maize and Gale B. Haughey of that union.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twelve public bills, H. R. 6386-6397; two private bills, H. R. 6398 and 6399; and four resolutions, H. Res. 563-565, and H. J. Res. 391, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 3194, amending the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, relative to irrigation (H. Rept. 1833);

H. R. 6113, transferring certain land in Langlade County, Wis., to the United States Forest Service (H. Rept. 1834);

H. R. 6301, providing for retirement of Government capital in banks for cooperatives (H. Rept. 1835); and

S. 2287, extending the powers of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (H. Rept. 1836).

First Deficiency: Adopted conference report (H. Rept. 1830), on H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriation bill for 1948. As sent to the Senate the report contains an amendment relating to voluntary agreements and export controls under the Department of Commerce, which was agreed to by the House with an amendment added thereto.

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FSA: Passed, by a vote of 271 yeas to 35 nays, H. R. 6355, providing supplemental appropriations of \$969,050,000, which is broken down as follows: Public Health Service, \$11,978,000; Bureau of Employment Security, \$129,062,000; Social Security Administration, \$825,123,000; Office of Administrator, Federal Security Agency, \$2,887,000.

In addition to providing these funds, this bill also provides for the transfer of the United States Employment Service to the Federal Security Agency, effective July 1, 1948.

H. Res. 559, providing for the consideration of H. R. 6355 and waiving points of order, was previously adopted.

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WAC-WAVES: Appointed Representatives Andrews of New York and Johnson of Texas as additional conferees on the part of the House on S. 1641, providing a reserve status for the WAC, WAVES, and Women Marines.

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Committee Meetings

FORESTRY

Committee on Agriculture: In open hearings on H. R. 2028, providing basic authority for exercise of certain functions of the Forest Service, and for use of certain appropriations, Subcommittee No. 4 heard favorable testimony from the following witnesses: C. M. Granger, Assistant Chief; O. A. Zimmerli, Chief of the Division of Fiscal Control; and William P. Kramer, Chief of the Division of Operations, all of the Forest Service; and R. G. Florance, Office of the Solicitor, Department of Agriculture.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Continued executive discussions of H. R. 6274, selective-service bill, and will meet on the same subject tomorrow.

RFC EXTENSION

Committee on Banking and Currency: Ordered reported to the House S. 2287, extending the powers of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. As approved, the bill would practically rewrite the Senate-passed version, extending the act until June 30, 1950, instead of 1958.

PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Senator Downey continued his testimony before the Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda in its investigation of charges of propaganda activities by officials and employees of the Bureau of Reclamation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: The following opposition witnesses testified at the hearings on H. R. 3871, amending the Federal Trade Commission Act, defining the Commission's powers and duties regarding cases of unfair practices in commerce and dissemination of false advertising: Wendell Berge, former Assistant Attorney General, Washington, D. C.; George Feldman, attorney, Washington, D. C.; S.

Chesterfield Oppenheim, acting dean of law, George Washington University; Gilbert H. Montague, attorney, New York City; James W. Cassedy and Walter B. Wooden, associate general counsels, Federal Trade Commission.

DP'S-COURTS-RAILROAD GRANTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported favorably to the House, as amended:

H. R. 6163, for the admission of displaced persons—

200,000 within the next 2 years;

H. R. 5106, to provide for changes in the time of holding court in certain divisions in the eastern and western

districts of South Carolina; and

H. R. 5891, to repeal the Federal charter granted to the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad Co., the ownership of which property has passed to the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Co.

MERCHANT MARINE

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Continued hearings on H. J. Res. 377, to encourage investment for further construction and strengthening of the merchant marine, and remove certain inequities in the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, receiving further testimony from Frazer A. Bailey, president, National Federation of American Shipping. Also heard W. B. Garner, executive vice president, Waterman Steamship Corp. Hearings continue tomorrow.

VETERANS' BILLS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Ordered the following bills to be reported favorably to the House:

H. R. 4964, to preserve seniority rights of 10-pointpreference eligibles, resulting from certain transfers in the postal service; and

H. R. 5508, amending the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 to extend the benefits of such act to certain

mothers of veterans.

HAWAIIAN BILLS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions approved the following two bills to be reported favorably to the full committee: H. R. 6229, extending leases on certain lands in Hawaii, and H. R. 6252, issuing patent to certain public lands in Kanai County, Hawaii.

Irwin W. Silverman, Division of Territories, Department of the Interior, testified on behalf of the legislation.

TEMPORARY HOUSING

Committee on Public Works: Guy E. Snavely, executive director, Association of American Colleges; Raymond M. Foley, Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency; and Lester W. Humphreys, legal counsel, Housing Authority for Portland, Oreg., testified at hearings on H. R. 5710, disposal of temporary war housing constructed under the provisions of the Lanham Act of 1940, and H. R. 5022, providing for disposition of temporary housing projects located in municipalities wherein the request for said disposition would be in the best interests of such municipalities. Hearings continue tomorrow.

VETERANS' HOUSING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Continued executive session to mark up H. R. 4488, and related measures, dealing with veterans' homestead associations. Tentatively scheduled to resume Wednesday, May 5.

TAXATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued its consideration of general tax revision, reviewing proposed changes in the tax structure offered by members of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation. Executive meeting continues tomorrow.

ALIEN SPECULATION

Select Committee Investigating Commodity Transactions: Eldon King, special Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Internal Revenue, and Julius B. Baer, counselor, New York Commodity Exchange, testified before this group on speculative activities of resident and nonresident aliens in commodities in the country. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Joint Committee Meetings

FOREIGN ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Joint Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation: Met again in executive session to consider foreign economic cooperation program.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D299)

S. 1021, relative to payment to officers and members of the Fort Peck Business Committee (Fort Peck Tribe). Signed April 28, 1948 (P. L. 502);

S. 2278, to authorize the sale of certain public lands in San Juan County, Utah, to the Southwest Indian

Mission. Signed April 28, 1948 (P. L. 503);

S. J. Res. 94, establishing Fort Sumter National Monument in South Carolina. Signed April 28, 1948 (P. L. 504); and

S. 1696, extending jurisdiction of District Court,

Hawaii. Signed April 29, 1948 (P. L. 505).

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate began debate on mortgage-loan insurance provisions of National Housing Act.

Tidelands bill passed by House.

Omnibus river-harbor and flood-control bill and veterans' cooperative housing program approved by House committees.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 5075-5079, 5090-5091

Bills Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2584 to S. 2591; S. Con. Res. 52 and 53; and S. Res. 227. Pages 5076, 5091

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 3219, authorizing appointment of special policemen on property under jurisdiction of FWA, with amendment (S. Rept. 1176);

H. R. 1878, to deny admission to U. S. of persons deemed to endanger the public safety, with amendments (S. Rept. 1199);

H. R. 1975, relative to deportation proceedings against

aliens, with amendment (S. Rept. 1201);

H. R. 3566, to amend Immigration Act relative to deportation of deportable aliens, with amendment (S. Rept. 1204);

H. R. 5137, to amend the Immigration Act relative

to nonquota immigrants (S. Rept. 1206);

H. R. 5193, to amend the Nationality Act relative to naturalizing aliens who served in armed forces, with amendments (S. Rept. 1207);

S. J. Res. 76, to amend Constitution to provide equal rights for women, with amendments (S. Rept. 1208);

S. 3, to provide for the training of air-traffic-controltower operations (S. Rept. 1209);

S. 2451, to encourage the development of an international air-transportation system, with amendments (S. Rept. 1210);

H. R. 4892, relative to retirement pay of officers who have served as assistant commandants or engineers in chief of the U. S. Coast Guard (S. Rept. 1211);

S. 2216, to amend the ICC Act to clarify the jurisdiction of joint boards (S. Rept. 1212);

S. 2426, omnibus bill to amend the ICC Act, with

amendments (S. Rept. 1213);

H. R. 2759, to amend the ICC Act relative to statute of limitations on undercharges and overcharges (S. Rept. 1214);

H. R. 3350, relative to navigation rules on western rivers, with amendments (S. Rept. 1215);

S. 1979, authorizing studies of soft-shell clam, with amendments (S. Rept. 1216);

H. R. 107, to acquire land in California for wildlife management and control (S. Rept. 1217);

H. R. 3505, to rehabilitate oyster beds in Mississippi and Louisiana, with amendments (S. Rept. 1218);

H. R. 3510, to authorize airport in Anchorage, Alaska, with amendments (S. Rept. 1219);

H. R. 4018, relating to the transfer of surplus lands for wildlife purposes (S. Rept. 1220);

H. R. 4071, to amend the Food and Drug Act to authorize seizure of adulterated or misbranded products (S. Rept. 1221);

H. R. 4236, preventing discrimination against physically handicapped persons in the civil service, with amendment (S. Rept. 1222);

H. R. 6226, making supplemental appropriations for national defense for fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, with amendments (S. Rept. 1223);

S. Res. 227, referring to Court of Claims H. R. 1226 (S. 1585), private bill (S. Rept. 1224);

H. R. 29, to make unlawful the payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite to voting in a primary or other election for national officers (S. Rept. 1225); and

The following private bills: S. 668, 2060, H. R. 338, 817, 831, 1022, 1724, 1749, 2418, 3224, 3608, 3740, 3787, 3824, 3880, 4050, 4130, 4631, S. 1703, H. R. 345, 1392, 1653, 1953, 2000, 3189, and 4129 (S. Repts. 1177-1198, 1200, 1202-1203, and 1205, respectively).

Pages 5076, 5090-5091

Bill Referred: One House-passed bill, passed on April 29, was referred to appropriate committee.

Presidential Message: International Wheat Agreement, signed in Washington March 6 to April 1, 1948, was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations (Ex. F, 80th Cong., 2d sess.). Pages 5079-5086 Printing: The adoption of S. Res. 226, providing for printing of 7,000 additional copies of S. Rept. 440, part 6, was reconsidered and indefinitely postponed; S. Con. Res. 52, with similar language, was adopted in its stead.

S. Con. Res. 53, providing for printing of 5,000 additional copies of S. Rept. 949, entitled "National Aviation Policy," was also adopted.

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National Defense: Permission was granted until May 15, 1948, for filing of any reports by Special Committee To Investigate National Defense Program. Page 5091

Anti-Poll Tax: Permission was granted until May 4, 1948, for filing additional reports on H. R. 29, to make unlawful the payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite to voting in a primary or other election for national officers.

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Educational Compact: S. J. Res. 191, compact on regional education entered into between the Southern States at Tallahassee on February 8, 1948, was made special order of business on May 6, 1948.

Pages 5104-5105

Boulder City: Passage of S. 1448, to sell and lease certain houses, apartments, and lands in Boulder City, Nev., was reconsidered and indefinitely postponed. The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs was then immediately discharged from further consideration of H. R. 4966, a similar bill, and the bill was passed with two perfecting amendments in lieu of S. 1448.

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Housing: Senate began consideration of S. 2565, to provide 1-month extension of mortgage-loan insurance under title VI of National Housing Act, and to authorize additional \$250 million for that purpose. (Prior to this, Senate adjourned at 1:11 p. m. by vote of 44 yeas to 17 nays, so that the bill could be brought up and not be subject to a point of order inasmuch as it had not been on the calendar for one legislative day as required by rules. Senate reconvened at 1:12 p. m.) Senator Cain offered an amendment in nature of a substitute to extend title VI of the bill until March 31, 1949, and to authorize additional \$600 million for mortgage-loan insurance. When the Senate recessed, the Cain amendment remained the pending business.

Pages 5087-5090, 5092-5098, 5102-5108, 5111-5112

First Deficiency Appropriation: Conference report on H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriation, was rejected. Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate amendment numbered 22, regarding extension to June 30, 1948, of authority of Secretary of Commerce to utilize funds for export control, and Senate asked for further conference, appointing as conferees Senators Bridges, Gurney, Brooks, Ball, McKellar, Hayden, and Russell.

Pages 5108-5111

Norwegian Claims: Senate ratified convention between U. S. and Norway, signed at Washington on March 28, 1948, providing for disposition of two private claims against the two Governments (Ex. G, 79th Cong., 1st sess.).

Pages 5112-5113

Nominations: Received 46 civilian nominations, including that of Ely E. Palmer, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to Afghanistan, along with 308 sundry military nominations.

Pages 5114-5115

Confirmations: Senate confirmed nominations of Tighe E. Woods, of Illinois, to be Housing Expediter; John J. Deviny, of D. C., to be Public Printer; along with one appointment in PHS, and one postmastership.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: In executive session the committee continued to work on S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program. Committee continues tomorrow.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee concluded hearings on H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations, after receiving testimony from the following officials of the Department of Agriculture on funds for their respective agencies: REA Administrator Claude Wickard; W. Carroll Hunter, Solicitor; C. M. Granger, Forest Service; L. R. Newell, Production and Marketing Administration; and Dr. Samuel L. Emsweller, Plant Industry, on Florida survey of gladioli.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Relations With International Organizations met in executive session to hear experts on international administration.

ITALIAN TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee held hearings on the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation between the U. S. and Italy, signed in Rome on February 2, 1948, receiving testimony on it from Willard L. Thorpe, Assistant Secretary of State; Thomas C. Blaisdell, Jr., Office of International Trade, Department of Commerce; and Richard N. Egan, Great Lakes Carbon Corp.

JUDGESHIP IN ALASKA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee held hearings on the nomination of former Delegate Anthony J. Dimond to be Federal judge in Alaska, with Mr. Dimond testifying.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Continuing hearings on bills to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act, subcommittee received testimony from the following witnesses expressing their views on such proposed legislation: William F. Miller and Carl M. Ostby, U. S. Independent Telephone Association; Louis Sherman, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; K. W. Heberton, Western Union; Frank Bloom, Commercial

Telegraphers Union; E. W. McNeil, Sinclaire, La.; and F. E. Stanley, Louisiana State University.

OIL PIPE LINES—EXPORTS

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Oil Subcommittee received testimony from Secretary of Defense Forrestal and Under Secretary of Navy Kenney on further exports of steel pipe to Saudi Arabia. Committee adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fourteen public bills, H. R. 6400-6413; five private bills, H. R. 6414-6418; and nine resolutions, H. Res. 566-572 and H. Con. Res. 191 and 192, were introduced. Pages 5127, 5157, 5161-5162, 5166-5167

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 6114, amending title I of the Bankhead-Jones

Farm Tenant Act (H. Rept. 1837);

H. R. 5508, amending the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, to extend the benefits of such act to certain mothers of veterans (H. Rept. 1841);

H. R. 5960, amending section 32 (a) (2) of the Trad-

ing With the Enemy Act (H. Rept. 1842);

H. R. 6116, amending section 33 of the Trading With

the Enemy Act (H. Rept. 1843); and

H. R. 5852, requiring registration of Communist-front organizations (H. Rept. 1844).

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Hawaii: Adopted H. Con. Res. 151 (H. Rept. 1838) authorizing the printing as a House Document the report entitled "The Economy of Hawaii in 1947," also authorizing the printing of additional copies thereof.

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House Employees: Reported, considered, and agreed to H. Res. 539 (H. Rept. 1839) and H. Res. 566 (H. Rept. 1840) authorizing payment of 6 months' salary and \$250 toward defrayment of funeral expenses to estates of two recently deceased House employees.

Tidelands: Passed, by a vote of 257 yeas to 29 nays, H. R. 5992, confirming and establishing the titles of States to lands beneath navigable waters within State boundaries and natural resources within such lands and waters and providing for use and control of said lands and resources.

An amendment clarifying resources to include fish and other marine life, offered by Mr. Reed of Illinois, was adopted.

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Prior to passage, the House agreed to H. Res. 548, providing for consideration of the tidelands bill.

Pages 5118-5156

Subpena: Adopted H. Res. 568, permitting compliance with subpena, served on Member, to appear in the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia.

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Subpenas: Adopted H. Res. 569 and 570, relative to subpenas calling for the appearance of the Clerk of the House, with certain documents, in the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

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Committee Meetings

FOREST-FIRE PREVENTION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee No. 2 held hearings on H. R. 5727, 5733, and 5827, relating to forestfire prevention, and heard the following witnesses: Representatives Pickett, author of H. R. 5733, and Deane; Dooley Dawson, Second National Bank, Houston, Tex.; Charles H. Flory, president, Association of State Foresters, Charleston, S. C.; R. E. McArdle, Assistant Chief, U. S. Forest Service; Fred Morrell, American Pulpwood Association; Fred H. Lang, director, Forestry and Parks Division, Arkansas, and president, Southern State Foresters; A. G. Hall, American Forestry Association; A. L. Brogden, American Turpentine Farmers Association; Paul W. Schoen, executive secretary, Forest Farmers Association; Frank Mulkern, Izaak Walton League; Herman Work, West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co.; S. L. Frost, acting State forester, Texas; and Verne Barnes, secretary, Mississippi State Association of Chamber of Commerce Secretaries.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Met in executive session and concluded work on H. R. 6401, selective-service bill. Will hold open session on Monday to hear Secretary of Defense Forrestal, and take a final vote on the bill.

PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda in its investigation of charges of propaganda activities by officials and employees of the Bureau of Reclamation continued to hear the testimony of Senator Downey. Maj. A. J. Watson, California, certified public accountant representing the subcommittee, also testified.

AVIATION—HOSPITALS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in executive session and ordered the following bills reported favorably to the House:

H. R. 4816, providing for minimum allotment of \$250,000 to each State for the construction of hospitals;

H. R. 6078, amending the Interstate Commerce Act

relating to passenger vessels; and

H. R. 6137, providing for transfer, operation, and maintenance of airport and airway property outside the United States. A clean bill will be introduced to substitute for this measure.

TRAVEL ALLOWANCE—CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 1 heard the following witnesses in support of S. 692, to authorize a mileage of 7 cents per mile for U.S. marshals and their deputies for travel on official business: George Miller and E. J. Matchett, Department of Justice; J. Paul Teal, chief deputy marshal, northern district of North Carolina; Roy H. Webb, deputy marshal, District of Columbia. Present also, from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, were Henry P. Chandler, Director; Elmore Whitehurst, Assistant Director; and Richard A. Chappell, Chief of Probation. Adjourned until May 5.

Subcommittee No. 2 heard the following witnesses in support of H. R. 4205, to provide for settlement and payment to certain motor carriers of claims against the United States for damages resulting from Federal possession, control, and operation in time of war, etc.: Representative Devitt; Lou Hosking, St. Paul, Minn., secretary, and R. G. May, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., general counsel, Midwest Operators Association; and H. E. Spangler, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, representing several groups of motor carriers operating in Iowa. Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

MERCHANT MARINE-COAST GUARD-FISH

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Full committee held open hearings on H. J. Res. 377, to encourage investment for further construction and strengthening of the merchant marine, and remove certain inequities in the Merchant Marine Act of 1936. The witnesses heard were: George K. Morgan, president, Association of American Ship Owners, and E. Myron Bull, president, A. H. Bull Steamship Co. Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service considered H. R. 6204. extending to commissioned officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey the provisions of the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946, and heard Commander John A. Bond, assistant to the Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Subcommittee on Salt-Water Fish and Shellfish Problems held hearings on H. R. 6110, permitting the landing of halibut by Canadian fishing vessels at Alaskan ports, and heard testmiony of Dr. William E. S. Flory, State Department; Milton James, Fish and Wildlife Service; and James W. Gulick and J. E. Nead, Bureau of Customs, Treasury Department. Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

NATIONAL FORESTS-GRAZING PERMITS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Public Lands heard the following witnesses at the hearings on S. 2240, to include certain lands within the Uinta and Wasatch National Forests, Utah: Howard Hopkins, Assistant Chief, U. S. Forest Service; C. J. Olsen, assistant regional forester, Ogden, Utah; and W. L. Hansen, Watershed Protection, Department of Agriculture, Utah, all of whom favored the legislation. No action was taken on the bill.

Also considered and ordered reported to the full committee, S. 1874, providing compensation for holders of grazing permits and licenses for losses sustained by reason of such use of public lands for national defense purposes.

RIVERS AND HARBORS—TEMPORARY HOUSING

Committee on Public Works: The Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors approved four additional projects to be included in the omnibus bill for 1948. The following Members of Congress testified: Representatives Nicholson, Miller of Maryland, Lea, and Bland. Later, in executive session, the omnibus river and harbor and flood-control bill was ordered reported to the House by the full committee.

The full committee also concluded its hearings on H. R. 5710, disposal of temporary war housing constructed under the provisions of the Lanham Act of 1940, at which the following witnesses testified: Lester W. Humphreys, legal counsel, Portland (Oreg.) Housing Authority; Paul W. Houser, executive director of Renton (Wash.) Housing Authority; Floyd W. Ratchford, executive director of Vancouver (Wash.) Housing Authority; and James E. Richardson, director, Housing Authority for Vallejo, Calif.

VETERANS' HOUSING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: In executive session completed marking up H. R. 4488, veterans' homestead bill, and ordered the bill as amended to be reported favorably to the House. This measure would amend the Servicemen's Readjustment Act to permit the Veterans' Administrator to charter veterans' homestead associations, composed of at least five veterans, for the purpose of providing housing for veterans. Substantial aid would be given multiunit housing to be sold to or rented by individual veterans, with the average cost of each family unit limited to \$10,000. Authority expires July 25, 1957.

TAXATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued its consideration of general tax revision, reviewing proposed

changes in the tax structure offered by members of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D299)

S. 1481, daylight-saving time for D. C. Signed April 29, 1948 (P. L. 506);

S. 2195, to continue rent control in the D. C. until March 31, 1949. Signed April 29, 1948 (P. L. 507); and

S. 1468, providing for payment of \$50 to members of Mescalero Apache Indian Tribe. Signed April 30, 1948 (P. L. 508).

Monday, May 3, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate put aside housing bill and began consideration of Science Foundation measure.

House passed 26 Consent Calendar bills.

Bills on election of President, registration of aliens, Legislative Reorganization Act, and miscellaneous armed-service bills approved by Senate groups. Selective-service bill approved by House committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 5167-5175

Bills Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2592 to S. 2597; and S. Con. Res. 54.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 4721, removing statutory limitation on repairs and alterations of a naval vessel, with amendment (S. Rept. 1226);

S. 2152, to increase maximum travel allowance for railway postal clerks (S. Rept. 1227);

H. R. 1189, allowing seniority privilege of transfer to certain vacancies on rural-carrier routes (S. Rept. 1228);

S. 2432, to amend the Alien Registration Act of 1940 by requiring every alien resident in the United States to report his address twice a year, with amendments (S. Rept. 1229);

S. J. Res. 200, to amend the Constitution providing for the election of President and Vice President (S. Rept. 1230); and

S. 2575, to amend 13 provisions of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (S. Rept. 1231).

Pages 5173, 5184

Tidelands: H. R. 5992, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, was placed on Senate Calendar.

Pages 5168-5170, 5183-5184

Immigration: H. R. 1975, relative to deportation proceedings against aliens, was removed from the calendar and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Tariff Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 2459, to amend Tariff Act of 1930, by admitting duty free liquor purchased by civilian pilots abroad, and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

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Science Foundation: S. 2565, extension of title VI under National Housing Act (see Digest for Friday, April 30) was temporarily laid aside for consideration of S. 2385, National Science Foundation bill.

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Nominations: Received nominations of Paul P. Rao, of New York, to be judge of U. S. Customs Court; Rear Adm. George L. Russell to be Judge Advocate General of the Navy; and Howard Bruce, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for Economic Cooperation. One postmaster nomination was withdrawn. Page 5190

Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: On Saturday, May 1, the committee continued to work in executive session on S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

MISCELLANEOUS ARMED-SERVICE BILLS

Committee on Armed Services: In executive session the committee agreed to report the following bills:

With amendment:

- H. R. 2359, providing for construction of water-filtration plant on West Point military reservation;
- S. 153, authorizing replica of Dade Monument for State of Florida; and
- S. 1953, providing free blank ammunition to veterans' organizations to be used at funerals of deceased veterans; Without amendment:
- H. R. 1562, increasing the amount of Federal aid to State homes for disabled U. S. soldiers and sailors;
- H. R. 5035, authorizing attendance of Marine Band at GAR encampment;
- H. R. 5805, extending time for application for benefits of Mustering-Out Payment Act;
- S. 2077, authorizing exchange of certain property in Kearney, Nebr.;
- S. 2233, easement for construction of water main at naval air station, Alameda, Calif.; and
- S. 2291, easement of lands adjacent to Fort Myers Army Airfield, Fla.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Committee on Banking and Currency: Heard William McChesney Martin, Jr., Export-Import Bank of Washington, testify in support of S. 2549, to increase lending authority of Import-Export Bank of Washington. Committee will meet on this again tomorrow.

REORGANIZATION—ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: In executive session committee agreed to report S. 2575, to amend 13 provisions of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946. As approved, the bill would abolish separate Committees on the District of Columbia and establish a joint committee for that purpose; change the name of the Expenditures Committee to Committee on Government Operations; extend scope of provisions on banning private bills; increase the powers of committees in the use of their \$10,000 fund; change provision on hire of committee staff; effect relations between GAO and Congress; and include the Radio News Service in list of exempted activities under the lobbying provisions of the act.

Committee also discussed the President's Permanent Reorganization Act of 1948, and agreed to hold hearings at a later date.

TERRITORIES AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Territories and Insular Affairs, in executive session, considered bills on its calendar. Action taken will be reported to the full committee at its meeting tomorrow.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT—ALIEN REGISTRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session committee agreed to report S. 2432, to amend the Alien Registration Act of 1940 by requiring every alien resident in the U. S. to report his address twice a year, with amendment; and S. J. Res. 200, to amend the Constitution providing for election of President and Vice President.

Committee also approved the nominations of John Joseph McGowan, Minnesota, to be marshal for the district of Minnesota; and Herman E. Moore, Illinois, to be judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands.

DISTRICT COURT NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee held executive session on nomination of Edward Allen Tamm to be associate justice of the Federal District Court for D. C., and announced that it will later make report to the full committee.

LABOR EXTENSION COURSES

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Labor agreed to report to the full committee, with amendments, S. 1390, Labor Department extension courses.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Continuing hearings on bills to amend the Fair Labor Standards

Act, subcommittee received testimony from the following witnesses expressing their views on the proposed legislation: Raymond S. Smethurst, National Association of Manufacturers; Arthur J. Packard, American Hotel Association; and Edward J. Creswell, Aircraft Industries Association. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eight public bills, H. R. 6419-6426; three private bills, H. R. 6427-6429; and three resolutions, H. Res. 573, H. J. Res. 392, and H. Con. Res. 193, were introduced.

Pages 5213-5214

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Final report of Select Committee on Foreign Aid (H. Rept. 1845);

H. R. 4964, preserving seniority rights of 10-pointpreference eligibles changing positions within the postal service (H. Rept. 1846);

H. R. 5318, continuing Inland Waterways Corporation, and providing for the disposition of its property and other interests (H. Rept. 1847); and

H. R. 4488, Veterans' Homestead Act of 1948 (H. Rept. 1848).

New Member Sworn: William Lewis appeared in the well of the House and was sworn in as the Representative of the Ninth Congressional District of Kentucky, thus filling the vacancy created by the death of Representative Robsion.

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Surplus Property: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 2239, authorizing sale or lease to State governments of surplus property for use in training civilian components of Army. Requested a conference and appointed Representatives Hoffman, Harvey, and Holifield as conferees on the part of the House.

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Consent Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Consent Calendar:

Cleared for the President-

Star-Route Contracts: S. J. Res. 198 in lieu of H. J. Res. 347, authorizing Postmaster General to withhold the awarding of star-route contracts for a period of 60 days.

Loyalty Check: S. 1004 in lieu of H. R. 5216, amending Atomic Energy Act of 1946, to provide for investigation with respect to character, associations, and loyalty, by the FBI, on certain prospective employees.

Vessels: S. 1132, amending Shipping Act relative to officer of corporation authorized to execute sale or conveyance of a vessel.

Household Effects: S. 1298, validating payments heretofore made by disbursing officers of U. S. Government covering cost of shipment of household effects of civilian employees.

Bridge: S. 1545, authorizing a bridge at Yorktown, Va.

Bridge: S. 1611, extending time for completion of bridge across Sauk Rapids, Minn.

Boulder School: S. 1985, amending Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act relative to Boulder City School District.

Sent to the Senate without amendment—

Annuities: H. R. 1896, providing for the payment of annuities to certain remarried widows.

Fish Culture: H. R. 5144, conveying Bear Lake Fish Cultural Station to Fish and Game Commission of Utah.

Railway Postal Clerks: H. R. 5272, relating to compensation of certain railway postal clerks.

Civil Air Patrol: H. R. 5298, establishing the Civil Air Patrol as a civilian auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force.

Dam: H. R. 5543, granting consent for construction of dam on Lumber River by Carolina Power & Light Co.

Veterans' Insurance: H. R. 5680, providing for limiting participation as beneficiary under National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended.

Prosthetic Appliances: H. R. 5820, aiding in the development of improved prosthetic appliances.

Richmond County, N. Y.: H. R. 6056, construct rail-road right-of-way in Richmond County, N. Y.

Irrigation: H. R. 6067, amendatory repayment contract, Northport irrigation district, Nebraska.

Veterans' Village: H. R. 6188, conferring jurisdiction over Fort Des Moines Veterans' Village upon the State of Iowa.

Sent to the Senate, amended-

National Cemeteries: S. 1620 in lieu of H. R. 4203, establishing eligibility for burial in national cemeteries.

Prisoners: S. 1648, authorizing expenditures of income from Federal Industries, Incorporated, for training of Federal prisoners.

Stamp: H. J. Res. 371, to issue golden-anniversary stamp commemorating the consolidation of the five boroughs of New York City.

Alaska: H. R. 1608, authorizing Postmaster General to contract for certain powerboat service in Alaska.

Irrigation Contracts: H. R. 3731, authorizing modifications in repayment contracts, Lower Yellowstone irrigation districts Nos. 1 and 2.

Coast and Geodetic Survey: H. R. 4393, providing for distribution, promotion, separation, and retirement of commissioned officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Torts: H. R. 4682, extending time for filing claims under Federal Tort Claims Act for presentation to Federal agencies or prosecution in U. S. district courts.

Roosevelt National Park: H. R. 5587, adding certain lands to Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, N. Dak.

Hawaii: H. R. 6091, withdrawing certain lands within Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, and returning to Territorial government. Pages 5194-5204

Committee Meetings

WOLF CREEK DAM

Committee on Agriculture: In an executive meeting, Subcommittee No. 2 considered H. R. 5418, relative to repairing the Wolf Creek Dam in Texas, and voted to report the bill favorably to the full committee.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: By a vote of 28 to 5, the committee ordered H. R. 6401, the selective-service bill, to be reported favorably to the House. Secretary of Defense Forrestal and Secretary of the Army Royall were the last witnesses to be heard by the committee before the final vote on the new selective-service bill was taken.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Raymond M. Foley, Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency, was the first witness to be heard at the opening of hearings on S. 866, and related measures, to establish and carry out a national housing policy. Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOME RULE

Committee on the District of Columbia: Held executive session on marking up H. R. 6227, D. C. home-rule legislation. No final action was taken thereon, and the executive meeting was adjourned until tomorrow.

AVIATION BILLS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Concluded hearings on two bills, both of which would amend the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, as follows: H. R. 6146, limiting the liability of certain persons not in possession of aircraft, and H. R. 6148, to make further provision for the recording of title to, interests in, and liens on certain aircraft. The witnesses heard were Representative Stefan, author of H. R. 6146; G. Nathan Calkins, Chief of International and Rules Division, Office of General Counsel, CAB; Robert Ramspeck, executive vice president, Air Transport Association of America; Warren S. Ege, attorney, in behalf of the legal committee of the Aircraft Industries Association of America; and Roger Murray, vice president, Bankers Trust Co., New York City.

MINERAL LANDS

Committee on Public Lands: The Subcommittee on Public Lands ordered the following bills to be reported to the full committee:

S. 1050, relative to distribution of payments from potassium leases under act of October 2, 1917; and

H. R. 6302, amending the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, to permit exercise of certain options on or before August 8, 1950.

The following witnesses testified at the hearings on these bills: Rear Adm. Roger W. Paine and Carl Rolle, Munitions Board; W. M. B. Freeman and H. C. Maull, Jr., Bureau of Federal Supply; and C. R. Bradshaw, Chief, Adjudication Branch, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.

STEEL, GRAY MARKET

Committee on Public Works: The Macy subcommittee investigating questionable trade practices met in an executive session relative to the gray market in steel. Meeting continues tomorrow.

RECIPROCAL TRADE

Committee on Ways and Means: The Gearhart subcommittee held an executive meeting to consider legislation regarding the extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, which expires June 12, 1948. Will meet again tomorrow.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF 80TH CONGRESS

The following are tables on nominations and legislative activity, run monthly in the DAILY DIGEST.

The first table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

The second table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the House and Senate during this session, January 6, 1948, through April 30, 1948.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 6-APRIL 30, 1948

RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 6-APRIL 30, 19	48
Postmaster nominations, totaling 962, disposed of as	
follows:	
Confirmed	83
Withdrawn	13
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	866
Army nominations, totaling 2,430, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,210
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	220
Air Force nominations, totaling 1,118, disposed of as	
follows:	
Confirmed	982
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	136
Navy nominations, totaling 934, disposed of as	
follows:	
Confirmed	545
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	389
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 639, disposed of	
as follows:	
Confirmed	621
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	18
Civilian nominations other than postmasters, totaling 2,012, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,859
Withdrawn	I
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	152
Summary	
Total nominations received	8,095
Total rejected	None
Total withdrawn	14
Total unconfirmed	1,781
Total confirmed	6, 300

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 6 through April 30, 1948

	Senate	House	Total
Days in session	66	66	
Time in session	304 hrs., 27'	287 hrs., 17'	
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	2,600	2, 694	5, 294
Appendix			2,784
Public bills enacted into law	49	64	113
Private bills enacted into law	55	76	131
Bills in conference		***	**8
Bills through conference			14
Measures passed, total	442	580	
Senate bills	182	110	
House bills	187	342	
Senate joint resolutions	12	7	
House joint resolutions	6	15	
Senate concurrent resolu-		***	
tions	8	6	
House concurrent resolu-			
tions	15	17	
Simple resolutions	32	83	115
Measures reported, total	*460	553	
Senate bills	184	92	
House bills	200	363	
Senate joint resolutions	18	3	
House joint resolutions	5	25	5.34
Senate concurrent resolu-			20.7
tions	9	2	
House concurrent resolu-			
tions	11	10	
Simple resolutions	33	58	91
Special reports	17	42	
Conference reports			15
Reported measures not acted			
on	**106	*179	
Measures introduced, total	770	1,575	2, 345
Bills	667	1, 247	1,914
Joint resolutions	40	107	147
Concurrent resolutions	16	63	
Simple resolutions		158	79
Quorum calls	47 108	20	205 128
Yea-and-nay votes			76
*These figures on measure	42	34	

*These figures on measures reported include all placed on calendar or acted on by Senate even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 416 reports has been filed in the Senate; a total of 610 has been filed in the House.

**This figure does not agree with the total difference between bills reported and bills passed, because resolutions and bills placed on the House Calendar without having been formally reported were not included in figures of measures reported to the House; the difference in the case of Senate figures is due to uncounted bills "laid on the table" or "indefinitely postponed." These data include bills on calendar and in conference at the end of the first session.

TABLE OF APPROPRIATION BILLS, EIGHTIETH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Bill No.		Title	Budget esti- mates	House				Senate				Public law		
				Date reported	Amount as reported	Date passed	Amount as passed	Date reported	Amount as reported	Date passed	Amount as passed	Date approved	Amount as approved	Law No.
H. R.	5214	Independent Offices	\$1,048,456,864	Jan. 30	\$991,583,551	Feb. 4	\$991,518,551	Mar. 12	\$967,705,551	Mar. 15	\$967,705,551	Apr. 20	\$967,442,551	491
H. R.	5524	Army-Civil Functions	737,804,300	Feb. 24	606,558,766	Feb. 26	606,558,766	Apr. 23	708,586,666					
H. R.	5525	Urgent Deficiency, 1948	131,546,901	Feb. 24	131,015,385	Feb. 24	131,015,385	Feb. 26	137,339,385	Feb. 27	137,489,385	Mar. 4	136,368,385	430
H. R.	5607	State-Justice-Commerce	589,417,230 215,823,330 116,997,000 236,843,500 19,753,400	Feb. 27	503,420,263 197,217,463 116,300,700 171,087,000 18,785,100	Mar. 5	503,590,263 197,217,463 116,300,700 171,257,000 18,785,100	Apr. 23	516,029,937 205,985,477 116,655,700 174,036,660 19,352,100	Apr. 26	516,029,937 205,985,477 116,655,700 174,036,660 19,352,100			
H. R.	5728	Labor. Labor. Federal Security. Federal Security. Related agencies.	931,539,169 16,600,300 259,170,319 655,768,550	Mar. 5	905,405,250 12,498,200 239,788,500 753,118,550	Mar. 8	905,405,250 12,498,200 239,788,500 653,118,550	Apr. 22	890,751,440 14,909,990 220,072,900 655,768,550	Apr. 26	890,751,440 14,909,990 220,072,900 655,768,550			
H. R.	5770	Treasury-Post Office	2,017,626,200 306,981,700 1,710,644,500	Mar. 9	1,981,722,350 290,453,100 1,691,269,250	Mar. 11	1,981,722,350 290,453,100 1,691,269,250							
H. R.	5883	Agriculture	635,332,480	Mar. 16	543,283,453	Mar. 18	545,533,453							
H.J.R	es. 355	Foreign Aid—Tax Refunds	555,125,000	Mar. 22	555,125,000	Mar. 22	555,125,000	Mar. 25	555,125,000	Mar. 29	555,125,000	Mar. 31	555,125,000	470
H. R.	6055	First Deficiency, 1948	1,002,175,316	Mar. 30	346,678,152	Apr. 1	338,378,152	Apr. 23	780,179,479	Apr. 26	780,179,479			
H. R.	6226	Supp. Nat'l. Defense, 1948: Cash	964,100,000 1,453,000,000	Apr. 14	923,100,000 1,453,000,000	Apr. 15	923,100,000 2,275,000,000	Apr. 30	958,200,000 2,275,000,000					
H. R.	6355	Supp. Fed. Sec. Agency, 1949	993,708,460	Apr. 27	969,050,000	Apr. 29	969,050,000							

Tuesday, May 4, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate debated committee reference of oleomargarine bill.

House passed bills on surplus property, irrigation, education, and private claims.

Senate groups approved bills on Export-Import Bank, housing, Indians, irrigation, and mining.

D. C. home rule and 15 public-lands bills approved by House committees.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 5214-5219

Bills Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2598 to S. 2607; S. J. Res. 211 and 212; and S. Res. 229.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 5262, authorizing sale of certain Indian lands (S. Rept. 1232);

H. R. 5651, authorizing conveyance of certain lands in South Dakota for municipal or public purposes (S. Rept. 1233);

H. R. 5669, providing for adjustment of irrigation charges on Flathead Indian irrigation project, with amendment (S. Rept. 1234);

S. 2224, to amend Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 regarding priority rights of veterans entitled to 10-point preference under such act (S. Rept. 1235);

H. R. 3638, amending the National Archives Act, to provide statutory authority for certain appropriations for National Archives (S. Rept. 1236);

H. J. Res. 340, authorizing stamps commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of the American Turners Society in the U. S. (S. Rept. 1237);

H. J. Res. 341, authorizing stamps commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of founding of Fort Kearney, Nebr. (S. Rept. 1238);

S. 2479, providing for the suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in the U. S. (S. Rept. 1239); and

H. R. 5118, sale of certain Indian lands in Flathead Reservation to the State of Montana (S. Rept. 1240).

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Bills Referred: 16 House-passed bills, passed on May 3, were referred to appropriate committees. Page 5218

Bill Placed on Calendar: H. R. 5543, construction of dam on Lumber River, N. C., was ordered placed on calendar.

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Veto Messages: Received Presidential veto messages on S. 1304, to coin 50-cent pieces in commemoration of one

hundredth anniversary of organizing Minnesota as a Territory, which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency; and on S. 1312, private bill, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pages 5215-5216

Printing: Adopted S. Res. 229, to print 2,000 additional copies of hearings on amendments to Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946.

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Prisoners: Senate agreed to House amendment to S. 1648, authorizing expenditures of income from Federal Industries, Inc., for training of Federal prisoners, thus clearing the bill for the President's signature.

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Surplus Property: Senate agreed to a conference on H. R. 2239, authorizing sale or lease to State governments of surplus property for use in training civilian components of Army, and appointed as conferees Senators Ferguson, Thye, and McClellan.

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Oleomargarine Tax: Senate debated the reference of H. R. 2245, repealing oleomargarine tax. On the question of reference of bill to committee, Senator Fulbright raised a point of order, stating that after objection to further proceedings following second reading, the bill should be placed on calendar. Question on whether this point was well taken, was voted down by 15 yeas to 56 nays. Chair then referred H. R. 2245 to Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, from which Senator Fulbright took an appeal, asking that the bill be referred to Committee on Finance. Before recess, it was decided that Senate would vote on appeal tomorrow at 2 p. m., following debate on the issue from time of convening, to be divided equally between Senators Fulbright and Aiken. Pages 5219-5239, 5248-5250

Nominations: Received nominations of Harry Alfred Curtis, Missouri, to be a member of Board of Directors, TVA; Robert Butler, Minnesota, to be Ambassador to Cuba; along with 49 postmaster and 36 Army appointments.

Pages 5252-5253

Committee Meetings

UMT AND SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued in executive session working on the draft of a proposed bill on UMT and the reenactment of selective service. Committee continues tomorrow.

HOUSING AND EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Committee on Banking and Currency: The committee, in executive session, unanimously approved for reporting S. 2549, to increase the lending authority of the Export-Import Bank by \$500 million, giving it a total lending authority of \$4 billion. This action is in pursuance of the President's message to increase the lending authority by this amount for the purpose of making loans to South American countries.

It also unanimously approved for reporting H. R. 2798, amending Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, regarding State conversion of Federal savings and loan associations, after substituting the language of S. 2415, as amended, and S. 2416 therefor. As approved (substituting the language of these two bills for that of the House bill), the bill would provide for conversion of Federal savings and loan associations to State charters, and would make the bank examinations conducted by the Home Loan Bank Board nonadministrative expenses.

WAA ADMINISTRATOR

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Hearings were held on the nomination of Jess Larson, to be WAA Administrator, with Mr. Larson testifying in behalf of his own nomination, and Senator Tydings testifying in opposition to it. Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: In executive session the following nominations were ordered favorably reported to the Senate: Howard Bruce, Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of ECA; Ely E. Palmer, Rhode Island, now Minister to Afghanistan, to be Ambassador to Afghanistan; Thomas C. Wasson, New Jersey, to be U. S. Representative on the Truce Commission for Palestine, established by the Security Council of UN; and three routine Foreign Service nominations.

INDIANS, IRRIGATION, AND MINING

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: In executive session the committee ordered reported the following bills:

With amendment:

S. 2399, amendatory repayment contract with Northport irrigation district; and

H. R. 5669, providing for adjustment of irrigation charges on Flathead Indian irrigation project, Montana.

Without amendment:

S. 2479, providing for suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in the U. S.;

H. R. 5651, authorizing conveyance of certain lands in South Dakota for municipal or public purposes;

H. R. 5262, authorizing sale of certain Indian lands; and

H. R. 5118, sale of certain Indian lands in Flathead Reservation to the State of Montana.

TIDELANDS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee, in connection with its hearings on S. 1988, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, received testimony from William W. Clarey, lawyer, Los Angeles.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee concluded hearings on bills to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act, after hearing the following witnesses express their views on the proposed legislation: Dr. Walter Gellhorn, professor of law, Columbia University; Charles Phinizy, Longshoremen's Back Pay Committee; Elizabeth Sasuly, Food, Tobacco, Agricultural, and Allied Workers Union, CIO; Charles E. Sands, Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union; and George R. Le Sauvage, National Restaurant Association.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fifteen public bills, H. R. 6430–6444; three private bills, H. R. 6445–6447; and six resolutions, H. Res. 574–578, and H. J. Res. 393, were introduced.

Pages 5253-5254, 5281-5282

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. Res. 574, providing consideration of, and 2 hours of general debate on, H. R. 6342, authorizing the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force

to proceed with construction of military installations (H. Rept. 1849);

H. Res. 575, providing for consideration of, and 4 hours of general debate on, H. J. Res. 342, directing all Federal departments to make available to any and all congressional committees information deemed necessary to enable them to properly perform legislative duties (H. Rept. 1850);

H. R. 6430, District of Columbia appropriation bill, fiscal year 1949 (H. Rept. 1851);

S. 2256, relating to the meat-inspection service of the Department of Agriculture (H. Rept. 1852);

H. R. 5871, Central Intelligence Act of 1948 (H. Rept.

1853); and

H. R. 6396, Emergency Displaced Persons Admission Act (H. Rept. 1854).

Private Bills: By unanimous consent, four private bills, H. R. 3350, 3089, 1498, and 550, were called up and the House agreed to the Senate amendments on each bill, thus clearing them for Presidential action.

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Private Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Private Calendar:

Cleared for the President: S. 182, 576, 981, 1164, 1630, 1806, and 1875.

Sent to Senate without amendment: H. R. 633, 810, 1642, 2688, 6184, and 6251.

Sent to Senate, amended: S. 1142, H. R. 929, 2246,

2325, 2634, 2898, 3500, 5449, and 5517.

Passed over without prejudice: H. R. 744 and H. R. 3984.

Surplus Property: Considered and passed S. 2277, providing for disposition of surplus real property to States, political subdivisions, and municipalities for use as public parks, etc. An amendment limiting the size of any grant to 500 acres was agreed to. Another amendment permitting conveyance of land for use in connection with a governmental function was also adopted.

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Irrigation: Considered and passed H. R. 4954, authorizing construction, operation, and maintenance of the Kennewick division of the Yakima irrigation project, Washington. H. Res. 550, providing for consideration of H. R. 4954 was previously adopted. Pages 5262-5268

Education: By a vote of 236 yeas to 45 nays, the House adopted H. J. Res. 334, granting the consent of Congress to the compact on regional education entered into between the Southern States at Tallahassee, Fla., on February 8, 1948. Prior to passage the House adopted H. Res. 551, providing for consideration of H. J. Res. 334.

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Committee Meetings

NATIONAL LAND POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: N. E. Dodd, Under Secretary of Agriculture, testified at the hearings on H. R. 6054, to establish a long-range land policy and conservation program. He approved of the general objectives of the bill with modifications. Hearings continue tomorrow.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Committee on Armed Services: Full committee met in executive session and agreed to report H. R. 5871, to

provide for the administration of the Central Intelligence Agency, favorably to the House.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued hearings on S. 866, TEW housing bill, and related measures, with Franklin D. Richards, Commissioner, Federal Housing Agency, testifying before the committee. Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOME RULE

Committee on the District of Columbia: Considered H. R. 6227, D. C. home-rule bill, and voted 14 to 8 to report the bill to the House, as amended.

SECONDARY BOYCOTT

Committee on Education and Labor: A special subcommittee held hearings on alleged practices of secondary boycott against certain stores in Washington, D. C., by the teamsters union. The following witnesses were heard: Harold R. Lilley, Benjamin Wagshal, Edward G. Parlaman, Lonnie Pace, and Norman K. Spicer, all store managers in the Washington area; Weston C. Scrimger, general superintendent, and Roland White, assistant general superintendent, both of the A. & P. Grocery Stores, Baltimore, Md., area; and Charles M. Andre, president, and Robert Lister, business agent, both of Local 33, Teamsters Union, Washington, D. C. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

VIERS MILL

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Snyder subcommittee resumed hearings on the subject of the Viers Mill housing project in Montgomery County, Md., and heard the testimony of the following witnesses: T. Howard Duckett, general counsel, and H. Darby Bowman, secretary, both of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; James W. Gill, attorney, Washington, D. C.; Nathaniel J. Taube, president, Colonial Investment Co.; Harry A. Badt, president, Selfridge Land Co., Washington, D. C.; and Max E. Greenberg, attorney, Harris Construction Co., builders of the Viers Mill project. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UN STRUCTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Opened hearings on UN structure and relations between the United Nations and United States. Testimony was given by Representatives Hays, Judd, Mundt, Hale, Muhlenberg, and Burke on the pending resolutions. Hearings continue tomorrow.

AIR SAFETY

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Concluded hearings on H. R. 6147, to amend the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, with respect to local enforcement of safety regulations of civil aviation, and heard the

following proponent witnesses: Robert Ramspeck, executive vice president, Air Transport Association of America; Joseph T. Geuting, Jr., manager, Personal Aircraft Council, Aircraft Industries Association of America, Inc.; and Emory T. Nunneley, Jr., general counsel, and Merrill Armour, assistant chief examiner, Safety Enforcement Proceedings, both of Civil Aeronautics Board. Appearing in opposition were F. B. Lee, Acting Administrator, Civil Aeronautics Administraton, Department of Commerce, and Clarence F. Cornish, president, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Indianapolis, Ind.

PRIVATE BILL

Committee on the Judiciary: Met in executive session and ordered one private claims bill, H. R. 4566, reported favorably to the House, and held a general discussion of pending bills.

FEDERAL RETIREMENT

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The Hagen subcommittee considered, and approved for reporting to the full committee, a clean bill amending the Civil Service Retirement Act to the effect that Federal employees engaged in investigation work, who have rendered at least 20 years of service, may retire at the age of 50 years at 40 percent of their salary.

PUBLIC-LANDS BILL

Committee on Public Lands: Ordered the following 15 bills favorably reported to the House:

H. J. Res. 363, congressional ratification of contract for Federal purchase of certain mineral land from the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations of Indians;

H. R. 4688, to enlarge Gettysburg National Cemetery; H. R. 4874, issue patent to Del Norte County, Calif., to Pelican Rock in Crescent City Harbor, Calif.;

H. R. 5071, extend public land laws to islands situated in Red River, Okla.;

H. R. 5151, issue patent to certain Mississippi lands to James P. Love;

H. R. 5936, addition of certain surplus Federal lands to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Ga. and Tenn.;

H. R. 5957, providing for establishment of the Fort Vancouver National Monument, Wash., to include a site of the old Hudson Bay Co. stockade;

H. R. 6073, to provide for acquisition of grazing lands; H. R. 6229, authorizing extension of leases of certain

land in Hawaii;

H. R. 6246, authorize transfer of certain Federal lands within the Chopawamsic Park to the Navy, and change name of said park to Prince William Forest Park;

H. R. 6252, issue land patent for school purposes to certain public lands in the county of Kauai, T. H.;

H. R. 6302, amending Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, to permit exercise of certain options by August 8, 1950;

S. 1050, relative to distribution of payments from potassium leases under act of October 2, 1917;

S. 1771, to convey certain lands in Wyoming to James S. McDonald, Post 5054, VFW, Powell, Wyo.; and

S. 1874, compensation for holders of grazing permits and licenses for losses sustained by reason of such use of public lands for national defense purposes.

LAND EXCHANGE—BRIDGE—STEEL

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads concluded hearings, but took no final action on the following: H. R. 5842, acquisition of additional land along Mount Vernon Memorial Highway in exchange for certain dredging privileges; H. R. 3402, regarding the refunding of the cost of bridge across Missouri River at Rule, Nebr.; S. 1305, defining notice requirements before public lands reserved as power sites are declared open to location for entry; and S. 1651, to amend the General Bridge Act of 1946 relative to toll charges.

Thomas H. MacDonald, Commissioner, Public Roads Administration, testified on all the bills considered. Representative Curtis, of Nebraska, testified on H. R. 3402. Testifying on H. R. 5842 were Thomas Settle, secretary, National Capital Park and Planning Commission; Irving C. Root, Superintendent, National Parks, Department of Interior; and Thomas A. Butt, treasurer, Smoot Sand & Gravel Co., Washington, D. C.

The Macy subcommittee investigating questionable trade practices continued executive sessions relative to the gray market in steel. Meeting continues tomorrow.

INFORMATION—MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Committee on Rules: Reported H. Res. 575, providing consideration of, and 4 hours of general debate on, H. J. Res. 342, directing all Federal departments to make available to all congressional committees information deemed necessary to properly perform legislative duties. Representative Hoffman was heard in favor of the resolution. Representative McCormack made no specific recommendation on the resolution, but discussed other methods whereby the same result might be obtained.

Reported H. Res. 574, providing consideration of, and 2 hours of general debate on, H. R. 6342, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force to proceed with construction of military installations.

FASCISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: Subcommittee on Fascism held an executive discussion on the subject of an alleged Nazi who is presently in this country. Arrived at no final conclusion and adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

RECIPROCAL TRADE

Committee on Ways and Means: The Gearhart subcommittee continued in executive session to consider legisla-

tion regarding the extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, which expires June 12, 1948. Will meet again tomorrow.

ALIEN SPECULATION

Select Committee Investigating Commodity Transactions: Held an executive session to formulate recommendations on its investigation with reference to speculation by aliens in the U. S. commodity markets.

Joint Committee Meetings

LABOR-MANAGEMENT

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: After an executive session, the committee announced that it would hold public hearings, beginning May 24, on proposed specific amendments to the Labor-Management Act of 1947 and on problems which have arisen under it. Witnesses wishing to testify are requested to write either to Senator Ball or Repre-

sentative Hartley, indicating the nature of their testimony. (The committee especially invites all witnesses to direct their testimony toward five specific subjects.) The committee stated it was not interested in broad, general statements either for or against the Taft-Hartley Act, but rather in specific suggestions, preferably related to factual experience, for its improvement.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D307)

S. 2409, to amend the D. C. Revenue Act to exempt certain business transactions from franchise tax. Signed May 3, 1948 (P. L. 509);

H. R. 5328, to permit free entry of wood waste for use as firewood. Signed May 3, 1948 (P. L. 510); and

H. R. 1275, authorizing reimbursement of naval personnel for cost of necessary medical or hospital services while on authorized leave. Signed May 4, 1948 (P. L. 511).

Wednesday, May 5, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed housing bill and referred oleomargarine tax-repeal proposal to Finance Committee.

House passed D. C. appropriation bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2608 to S. 2617.

Bill Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2510, authorizing certain administrative expenses in Post Office Department, including pneumatic-tube systems (S. Rept. 1241).

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Bills Referred: 15 House-passed bills, passed on May 4, were referred to appropriate committees. Page 5299

Bills Placed on Calendar: H. J. Res. 334, compact on regional education entered into between the Southern States, was placed on calendar.

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Presidential Message: President transmitted first quarterly report of the expenditures and activities under foreign-aid program.

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Printing: Agreed to H. Con. Res. 151, authorizing printing of additional copies of report entitled "The Economy of Hawaii in 1947."

Private Bill: House amendment to S. 1142, private bill, was concurred in clearing the bill for the President's signature.

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Inauguration Ceremonies: Under terms of S. Con. Res. 48, authorizing a joint committee for arrangements for inauguration of President-elect, to be held on January 20, 1949, Senators Brooks, Wherry, and Barkley were appointed to the committee on the part of the Senate.

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National Cemeteries: House amendment to S. 1620, establishing eligibility for burial in national cemeteries, was adopted, thus clearing the bill for the President's signature.

Surplus Property: A conference was asked on S. 2277, to amend the Surplus Property Act of 1944 so as to dis-

pose of surplus real property to States, political subdivisions, and municipalities for public parks, etc., and Senators Saltonstall, Morse, and Byrd were appointed as conferees.

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Oleomargarine Tax: Senate, by vote of 30 yeas to 47 nays, overruled the decision of the President pro tempore to refer H. R. 2245, repealing oleomargarine tax, to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, when it agreed to an appeal from the decision of the Chair by Senator Fulbright. The bill was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Science Foundation: After adopting committee amendments, Senate passed S. 2385, National Science Foundation bill.

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Housing: Senate passed S. 2565, to extend title VI of National Housing Act, after adopting an amendment by Senator Flanders to authorize additional funds for mortgage-loan insurance and extending title VI of the National Housing Act until June 30, 1948. By a vote of 28 yeas to 43 nays, the Senate rejected Senator Cain's amendment in the nature of a substitute to the bill, generally providing for extension of title VI to March 31, 1949, and authorizing an additional \$600,000,000 for mortgage-loan insurance.

Nomination: Received one Air Force nomination.

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Confirmations: Senate confirmed the following nominations: Charles Sawyer, Ohio, to be Secretary of Commerce; Delos Wilson Rentzel, Virginia, to be Administrator of Civil Aeronautics; Harrington Wimberly, Oklahoma, to be member of FPC; Herman E. Moore, Illinois, to be judge of District Court of Virgin Islands; Thomas C. Wasson, New Jersey, to be representative of U. S. on Truce Commission for Palestine; Ely E. Palmer, Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to Afghanistan; along with 5 other civilian nominations and 52 miscellaneous Coast Guard nominations.

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Committee Meetings

COOPERATIVES

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: In hearings on S. 2543, to provide for retirement of Government capital in central and regional banks for cooperatives, the committee received testimony in support of the legislation from the following witnesses: John H. Davis, executive secretary, and W. G. Wysor, chairman, of agricultural credit committee, both of National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; Albert S. Goss, National Grange; Willis Tobler, American Farm Bureau Federation; Roy Hendrickson, National Federation of Grain Cooperatives; and Angus McDonald, National Farmers Union. Hearings continue tomorrow.

WAA ADMINISTRATOR

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Committee continued hearings on the nomination of Jess Larson to be WAA Administrator, with Mr. Larson continuing testimony in his own behalf, and Senator Tydings continuing his in opposition to the nomination. J. R. Simplot, of the J. R. Simplot Co., appeared to give certain information to the committee.

INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee met in executive session to consider California Indian bills. Action taken will be reported to the full committee at its next meeting.

NATURAL GAS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Committee met in executive session to consider H. R. 4051, amending Natural Gas Act relative to jurisdiction of Federal Power Commission fixing rates for sale of natural gas in interstate commerce. Final action on the bill by committee was postponed until May 13.

TIDELANDS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee, continuing its hearings on S. 1988, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, received testimony from Fred Howser, attorney general for California, and Norman Littell, former Assistant Attorney General of the U. S. Committee stayed in night session in hopes of concluding its hearings on the bill, with Robert Kenney, former attorney general of California, scheduled to testify.

ANTIMONOPOLY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee held further hearings on S. 104, antimonopoly bill, and received testimony in support of the bill from William T. Kelley, general counsel, and John Blair, assistant chief economist, both of the FTC. Harry G. Slater, chief counsel, Public Utilities Division of SEC, and Glen R. Law, examiner with FPC, testified for the information of the subcommittee.

VETERANS' HOSPITALS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Veterans' Subcommittee ordered reported without amendment to the full committee S. 1035, veterans' hospital at Camp White, Medford, Oreg., and H. Con. Res. 54, use of Schick General Hospital, Iowa, for veterans.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: In executive session the subcommittee ordered reported to the full committee at its next meeting, S. 1861, to amend the act to reclassify the salaries of postmasters, officers, and employees of the postal service.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Ten public bills, H. R. 6448-6457; two private bills, H. R. 6458 and 6459; and three resolutions, H. Res. 579 and 580, and H. J. Res. 394, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows: H. R. 4566, a private bill (H. Rept. 1855);

S. 1050, relative to distribution of payments from potassium leases under act of October 2, 1917 (H. Rept. 1856);

S. 1771, to convey certain lands in Wyoming to James S. McDonald, Post 5054, VFW, Powell, Wyo. (H. Rept.

1857);

S. 1874, compensation for holders of grazing permits and licenses for losses sustained by reason of such use of public lands for national defense purposes (H. Rept. 1858);

H. R. 4874, issue patent to Del Norte County, Calif., to Pelican Rock in Crescent City Harbor, Calif.

(H. Rept. 1859);

H. R. 5071, extend public land laws to islands situated in Red River, Okla. (H. Rept. 1860);

H. R. 5151, issue patent to certain Mississippi lands to

James P. Love (H. Rept. 1861);

H. R. 5936, addition of certain surplus Federal lands to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military

Park, Ga. and Tenn. (H. Rept. 1862);

H. R. 5957, providing for establishment of the Fort Vancouver National Monument, Wash., to include a site of the old Hudson's Bay Co. stockade (H. Rept. 1863);

H. R. 6073, to provide for acquisition of grazing lands

(H. Rept. 1864).

H. R. 6229, authorizing extension of leases of certain

land in Hawaii (H. Rept. 1865);

H. R. 6252, issue land patent for school purposes to certain public lands in the county of Kauai, T. H. (H. Rept. 1866);

H. R. 6302, amending Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, to permit exercise of certain options by August 8, 1950

(H. Rept. 1867); and

H. J. Res. 363, congressional ratification of contract for Federal purchase of certain mineral land from the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations of Indians (H. Rept. 1868).

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First Deficiency: Insisted on its amendments to H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriation bill of 1948, and agreed to further conference and appointed Representatives Taber, Wigglesworth, Engel of Michigan, Stefan, Case of South Dakota, Keefe, Cannon, Kerr, and Mahon as conferees.

Inaugural Arrangements: Adopted S. Con. Res. 48, authorizing appointment of joint congressional committee to make arrangements for inauguration of President-elect.

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President's Message: Received a message from the President transmitting the first quarterly report of expenditures and activites under the United States foreignaid program, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed as House Document 636.

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D. C. Appropriations: Passed, by voice vote, H. R. 6430, District of Columbia appropriation bill for 1949. As passed, this bill supplies \$101,164,983 for the essential functions of the D. C. government, which amount is \$732,300 below the budget estimate for 1949 and \$5,228,754 above the amount supplied for 1948. Pages 5321-5333

Labor-Federal Security: Agreed to conference asked by Senate on H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriation bill, and appointed Representatives Keefe, Anderson of California, Schwabe of Oklahoma, Church, Rooney, Hendricks, and Fogarty as conferees on the part of the House.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL LAND POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on H. R. 6054, to establish a long-range land policy and conservation program, and heard the testimony of the following witnesses, all of whom testified in favor of the measure: James G. Patton, president, National Farmers Union; Kent Leavitt, National Association of Soil Conservation Districts; members of governing bodies of soil-conservation districts, as follows: Walter M. Bond, Virginia; Daniel McKeon, Connecticut; W. E. Burrell, Maryland; Alfred Bowser, Rhode Island; Clayton Jester, Pennsylvania; Wood Perryman, Oklahoma; and State Senator Robert L. Rutter, Washington, who was in favor but was opposed to incentive payments.

INDUSTRIAL RESERVES

Committee on Armed Services: W. John Kenney, Under Secretary of the Navy, who also represented Secretary of Defense Forrestal, and Stewart Cramer, Deputy Chairman, Munitions Board, testified before the Organization Subcommittee in its consideration of H. R. 6098, to promote the common defense by providing for the retention and maintenance of a national reserve of industrial productive capacity. No action was taken on the bill and the subcommittee adjourned until next Tuesday, May 11.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: John T. Egan, Assistant Commissioner for Program Operations, Public Housing Administration, testified at the hearings on S. 866, T-E-W housing bill and related measures, to establish and carry out a national housing policy. Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOSPITALS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Ordered reported to the House, H. R. 5307, to authorize making grants for hospital facilities, and H. R. 6297, providing for recording and enforcing liens for money due hospitals for services rendered in cases caused by negligence or fault of others. The witnesses heard on these two bills were: Alan Johnston, general counsel, FWA; Charles D. Drayton and James H. Lemon, representing Children's Hospital; Capt. Chester Wells, representing Columbia Hospital; Sam Rogers, representing Casualty Hospital; Dr. George C. Ruhland, D. C. Health Officer; and Irving Bryan, Assistant Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia.

SPORTS PROGRAM

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Considered S. 1302, to aid youth in athletic and sports program by making surplus products available, and heard the favorable testimony of Representative Kennedy, sponsor of H. R. 4370, a similar bill. The Senate bill was ordered reported to the House.

UN STRUCTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Secretary of State George C. Marshall and Warren R. Austin, U. S. representative to the United Nations, testified at the hearings on UN structure and relations between the United Nations and United States.

PRINTING AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on House Administration: Met in executive session and voted to report the following bills to the House:

S. Con. Res. 52, providing for printing 7,000 additional copies of S. Rept. 440, part 6;

S. Con. Res. 53, providing for printing 5,000 additional copies of S. Rept. 949, entitled "National Aviation Policy."

H. Con. Res. 120, authorizing revision and reprinting of House Document 772 (79th Cong., 2d sess.) pertaining to rights and benefits of veterans and their dependents;

H. Con. Res. 189, authorizing the printing as a House document and an additional 2,000 copies of the Final Report of the Select Committee on Foreign Aid (amended);

H. Res. 532, providing \$50,000 for further expenses of studies and investigations by the Committee on Public Works:

H. Res. 554, authorizing the printing as a House document and an additional 2,000 copies of the report of the Joint Committee on Housing entitled "High Cost of Housing"; and

H. Res. 567, authorizing Member to review certain

files of House of Representatives.

The committee also authorized an additional employee for the House Press Gallery (Assistant Superintendent).

HEART-DISEASE RESEARCH

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Opened hearings on H. R. 3059, 3464, 3762, 5087, and 5159, bills providing for research relating to diseases of the heart. Representatives Keefe and Javits, sponsors of H. R. 5087 and 3762, respectively, were the first witnesses to testify, followed by Oscar Ewing, Administrator, FSA; Dr. Leonard Scheele, Surgeon General of the United States; members of the American Heart Association panel, as follows: Dr. Charles A. N. Connor, medical director, AHA, and Dr. T. Duckett Jones, John Hay Whitney Foundation, both of New York City; Dr. David D. Rutstein, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; and Dr. Tinsley Harrison, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.; James Adams, chairman, executive committee, American Cancer Society; Mrs. Wendell Willkie and Mrs. Albert Lasker, both of New York City. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MILEAGE—PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 1 heard the following witnesses in support of S. 692, to authorize a mileage of 7 cents per mile for U. S. marshals and their deputies for travel on official business: George Miller and E. J. Matchett, Department of Justice; J. Paul Teal, chief deputy marshal, Northern District of North Carolina; and Roy H. Webb, deputy marshal, District of Columbia. A statement was filed by Thomas G. Walters, operations director, Government Employees' Council. Henry P. Chandler, Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, suggested the bill be amended to include probation officers and other judicial personnel. Following the hearings, the bill was ordered reported favorably to the full committee, with amendments, H. R. 6412, to codify and enact into positive law, title 3 of the U.S. Code, entitled "The President."

Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights heard the following witnesses in connection with H. R. 4061, H. R. 5248, and H. R. 5988, relative to infringement of patent rights: Giles Rich and Robert W. Byerly, of the New York Patent Law Association;

Harold Watson, American Patent Law Association; George F. Folk, National Association of Manufacturers; Joseph V. Meigs, of Blair, Curtiss & Hayward, New York City; Charles S. Wilson, Aircraft Industries Association; Col. George W. Gardes, Department of the Army; Capt. G. N. Robillard, Navy Department; and Stephen Cersvick, Bendix Aircraft Corp. Adjourned until Friday, May 7.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization agreed to recommend favorably to the full committee four private immigration bills (three House bills and

one Senate).

STAR ROUTES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Held executive discussions on the star-route problems with Postmaster General Donaldson.

INDIAN LEGISLATION

Committee on Public Lands: Representative Phillips of California, sponsor, testified on behalf of H. R. 6273, providing for disposition of lands on the Cabazon, Augustine, and Torres-Martinez Indian Reservations, which bill was considered by the Subcommittee on Indian Affairs. John H. Provinse, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, also testified.

The subcommittee approved this bill for reporting to the full committee and voted to table H. R. 3902, a

private measure.

CHURCH LEASE—FSA BUILDING

Committee on Public Works: Completed hearings on H. R. 6328 and 6332, identical bills which would authorize the Commissioner of Public Buildings to lease a federally owned building to the Temple Methodist Church, of San Francisco, Calif. Representatives Havenner and Welch, respective sponsors of the bills, testified, along with Dr. R. Ormond Roberts of the Temple Methodist Church, on behalf of the legislation.

Arthur J. Altmeyer, Commissioner, Social Security Administration, testified at the hearings on H. R. 3907, to authorize construction of buildings for the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance, in the area of the District of Columbia. W. E. Reynolds, Commissioner of Public Buildings, PBA, offered testimony on all three measures considered.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Spanish War Veterans opened hearings on H. R. 451, extending benefits granted to Philippine Insurrection veterans to those engaged in Moro Province and other island hostilities between July 1902 and January 1914, and to their unremarried widows and their children, xCIV—DD—21

and H. R. 886, extending pension benefits to members of Army-operated troop ships during war with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, and the China Relief Expedition. The following witnesses testified: Representatives Hagen and Welch, sponsors of H. R. 451 and 886, respectively; Willis Howard, Assistant Administrator for Claims, J. E. Loggins, Chief of the Claims Division, and R. P. Bland, legislative counsel, all of the Veterans' Administration; John Williamson, assistant legislative director, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Gen. George C. Shaw, U. S. Army, retired; and William M. Floyd, commander, Regular Veterans Association.

The subcommittee reported H. R. 451 favorably to

the full committee.

RECIPROCAL TRADE—TAX REVISION

Committee on Ways and Means: The Gearhart subcommittee continued in executive session to consider legislation regarding the extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, which expires June 12, 1948. Will meet again tomorrow.

The full committee resumed its consideration of general tax revision and heard A. Lee M. Wiggins, Under Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied by his staff.

Joint Committee Meetings

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: The committee held the first of a series of executive sessions to be held with the members of the Atomic Energy Commission. the discussion of this meeting centered around various phases of activities of the AEC. Committee meets again tomorrow on discussion of the Commission's labor problems.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D317)

S. 1393, to increase the permitted rate of allowance and compensation in relation to veterans' subsistence grants. Signed May 4, 1948 (P. L. 512);

H. R. 4490, authorizing Secretary of Navy to provide salvage facilities. Signed May 4, 1948 (P. L. 513);

H. R. 5448, extending reciprocal income-tax exemption to earnings of aircraft under foreign registry as now granted foreign-flag ships. May 4, 1948 (P. L. 514); and

S. J. Res. 189, authorizing special stamp in honor of Five Civilized Tribes of Indians in Oklahoma. Signed May 4, 1948 (P. L. 515).

Thursday, May 6, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed supplemental national-defense appropriations, and debated educational-compact bill.

RFC extension bill passed by House.

Hearings announced on oleomargarine-tax repeal by Senate Finance Committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 2618.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2549, to increase the lending authority of the Export-

Import Bank of Washington (S. Rept. 1242);

H. R. 6067, amendatory repayment contract with Northport irrigation district, with amendments (S. Rept. 1243);

S. 153, authorizing replica of Dade Monument for State of Florida, with amendments (S. Rept. 1244);

S. 2077, authorizing exchange of certain property in Kearney, Nebr. (S. Rept. 1245);

S. 2223, promotion of Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves (S.

Rept. 1247);
S. 2233, easement for construction of water main at naval air station, Alameda, Calif. (S. Rept. 1246);

S. 2291, easement of lands adjacent to Fort Myers

Army Airfield, Fla. (S. Rept. 1248);

H. R. 1562, increasing the amount of Federal aid to State homes for disabled U. S. soldiers and sailors (S. Rept. 1249);

H. R. 5035, authorizing attendance of Marine Band

at GAR encampment (S. Rept. 1250);

H. R. 5805, extending time for application for benefits of Mustering-Out Payment Act (S. Rept. 1251);

H. R. 2359, providing for construction of water-filtration plant on West Point Military Reservation, with amendments (S. Rept. 1252);

H. R. 5553, to extend to July 1, 1949, duty-free entry of newsprint of 9 to 15 inches in width (S. Rept. 1253);

H. R. 5933, relative to duty-free import of racing shells for preparation of the Olympic games (S. Rept. 1254); and

H. J. Res. 296, maintaining the status quo of social-security coverage, with amendments (S. Rept. 1255).

Pages 5394-5395

Bill Referred: One House-passed bill, passed on May 5, was referred to appropriate committee.

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RFC Extension: Senate asked for a conference on S. 2287, to extend the powers of the RFC to 1958, and appointed as conferees Senators Buck, Bricker, Capehart, Maybank, and Fulbright.

Pages 5423-5425

National Defense Appropriation: After debate, by a vote of 74 yeas to 2 nays, Senate passed H. R. 6226, making supplemental appropriations for national defense for fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, providing a total of \$3,233,200,000 in direct appropriations and contract authorizations for the construction of airplanes and for other military purposes, having adopted committee amendments. Action on one committee amendment, however, subjecting contracts in excess of \$100,000 to renegotiation, was reconsidered and in lieu thereof Senate adopted a revised Bridges-Cordon amendment. Senate asked for a conference and appointed as conferees Senators Bridges, Brooks, Gurney, Ball, McKellar, Hayden, and Tydings.

Educational Compact: Senate took up S. J. Res. 191, compact on regional education entered into between the Southern States, but agreed to consider in its stead H. J. Res. 334, a similar House-passed bill. Amendments regarding segregation and discrimination were offered to the bill by Senators Ives and Morse, respectively, but were left pending at adjournment.

Pages 5411-5422

First Deficiency Appropriations: Conference report on H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriation bill, appropriating in deficiencies \$777,986,045.84, was approved, clearing the bill for the President's signature.

Pages 5422-5423

Nominations: Three nominations for appointment in the Public Health Service were received.

Confirmations: Confirmed nominations of Howard Bruce, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for Economic Cooperation, and Russell B. Adams, of West Virginia, to be Member, CAB.

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Committee Meetings

COOPERATIVES

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2543, to provide for retirement of Government capital in central and regional banks for cooperatives, after receiving testimony in support of the bill from the following witnesses: M. R. Garstang, attorney, National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation; I. W. Duggan, Governor, Farm Credit Administration; and Fred V. Heinkel, president, Missouri Farmers Association. Charles T. O'Neill, chairman, agriculture commission, American Bankers Association, testified in opposition to the bill in its present form, recommending amendments.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee met in executive session on H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations for 1949, to mark up the bill for reporting to the full committee.

TREASURY-POST OFFICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee met in executive session on H. R. 5770, Treasury-Post Office appropriations for 1949, to mark up the bill for reporting to the full committee.

UMT AND SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued in executive session working on the draft of a proposed bill on UMT and the reenactment of selective service. Committee continues tomorrow.

OLEOMARGARINE AND DUTY-FREE IMPORTS

Committee on Finance: Committee agreed to hold hearings on H. R. 2245, repealing oleomargarine tax, on May 17 and 18, and to divide this time equally between proponents and opponents.

It agreed also to report without amendment, H. R. 5933, relative to duty-free import of racing shells for preparation of the Olympic games; and H. R. 5553, to extend to July 1, 1949, duty-free entry of newsprint of 9 to 15 inches in width; and with technical amendments, H. J. Res. 296, which maintains the status quo of social-security coverage. The amendments would

provide that enactment of the resolution shall not interfere with the payment of benefits to persons granted coverage by the Federal Security Agency, without payment of social-security taxes, including persons who become eligible for benefits by attaining age 65 and survivors of persons who die before the close of the first calendar quarter beginning after the date of enactment. The Federal Security Administrator would be directed to report to the Congress the amount of benefits already paid out of the old-age and survivors' insurance trust fund to such persons, and to estimate the total of future payments; and it would authorize an appropriation to restore the loss to the trust fund.

It is also agreed that the committee would support the adoption of an amendment by Senator Butler to provide duty-free entry of baler twine. It is proposed that this amendment be offered to H. R. 5275, to permit free entry of crude or broken limestone to be used in manufacture of fertilizer, when it is brought up in the Senate for consideration.

FPC NOMINATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: In hearings on the nomination of Thomas Chalmers Buchanan to be a member of the FPC, the committee received testimony in opposition to the nomination from Harry Mitchell, president, West Pennsylvania Power Co., Pittsburgh; and David Dunlap, Philadelphia. Clyde T. Ellis, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, testified in support of the nomination. Committee meets again on Thursday, May 13.

HEART DISEASES

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee voted to report to the full committee with amendment S. 2215, to provide for research and control relating to diseases of the heart and circulation.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads opened hearings on H. R. 5888, Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1948, which provides \$500 million a year for fiscal years 1950, 1951, and 1952, to be matched by participating States, and received testimony in support of Federal aid for highways from Senators Ecton, Hoey, and Stennis; Representatives Barrett and Horan; C. M. Granger, Forest Service of Agriculture Department; H. A. Tolson, National Park Service; John Springer, president, Western Highway Institute, San Francisco; and H. A. Thompson, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirteen public bills, H. R. 6460-6472; eight private bills, H. R. 6473-6480; and eleven resolutions, H. Res. 581-586, H. J. Res. 395 and 396, and H. Con. Res. 194-196, were introduced.

Pages 5432-5433, 5450-5451, 5462

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1302, making surplus athletic equipment available to groups and institutions encouraging participation in athletic events (H. Rept. 1869);

H. R. 6419, omnibus river and harbor and flood-con-

trol bill (H. Rept. 1870);

H. Res. 581, providing for the consideration of, and 2 hours general debate on, H. R. 221, amending the Interstate Commerce Act, with respect to certain agreement between carriers (H. Rept. 1871);

H. Res. 582, providing for consideration of, and 5 hours general debate on, H. R. 5852, combating un-American activities by requiring registration of Communist-front organizations (H. Rept. 1872);

Disposition of executive papers (H. Rept. 1873);

H. R. 6078, amending section 303 (e) of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended (relative to foreign cruise travel by water) (H. Rept. 1874);

H. R. 4688, to enlarge the Gettysburg National Ceme-

tery (H. Rept. 1875);

H. R. 6227, home rule and reorganiztaion in the Dis-

trict of Columbia (H. Rept. 1876); and

Conference report on H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriation bill for 1948 (H. Rept. 1877).

Pages 5451-5452, 5462-5463

Draft: Permission was granted until midnight, May 7, for the filing of majority and minority reports on H. R. 6401, providing for the common defense by increasing the strength of the armed forces of the United States.

Pages 5429-5430

Subpenas: Adopted H. Res. 583, 584, and 586, permitting compliance with subpenas, served on Members and Clerk of the House, to appear in the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia.

Pages 5432-5433

RFC: Passed S. 2287, amending the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, as amended, after accepting the committee substitute. The substitute provides for extending the life of the RFC until 1952, with the lending authority limited to \$1,500 million and extended for 2 years only; the other 2 years is for liquidation of RFC holdings. Three amendments to the committee substitute were adopted: One was designed to prevent competition of public agencies with private enterprise; one

adding \$75 million, making the amount available for public project financing \$200 million; and the third amendment was adopted to clarify priority provisions of the RFC.

Pages 5433-5450

Surplus Property: Agreed to conference requested by Senate on S. 2277, amending the Surplus Property Act of 1944, so as to dispose of surplus real property to States, political subdivisions, and municipalities for public parks, etc.; and Representatives Wadsworth, Snyder, and Holifield were appointed as conferees.

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First Deficiency: Adopted conference report on H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriation bill for 1948.

Pages 5451-5455

Government Corporations: Granted permission until midnight, May 7, for the filing of majority and minority reports on the Government corporations appropriation bill.

Pages 5430-5431

Military Construction: Adopted H. Res. 574, providing for consideration of H. R. 6342, authorizing the Secretaries of the Army and the Air Force to proceed with construction at military installations. Further consideration of this bill is scheduled for Monday.

Pages 5454-5457

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL LAND POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: At the hearings on H. R. 6054, to establish a long-range land policy and conservation program, the committee heard the favorable testimony of the following witnesses: Rev. William J. Gibbons, member of board of directors, National Catholic Rural Life Conference; members of governing bodies of soil conservation districts, as follows: D. T. Paugh, West Virginia; William A. Benitt, Minnesota; A. Threlkeld, Kentucky; W. A. Williams, Jr., New Mexico; Earl Doublas, Iowa; Albert Watson, Nebraska; and Frank Feser, South Dakota. The last two mentioned witnesses also proposed amendments.

Opposed to the bill were: Russell Shin; David Foster, Kingfisher County; and Jess J. Boyd, Creek County; all farmers from Oklahoma. Hearings continue tomorrow.

CADET PAY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Pay and Administration held hearings on S. 657, to amend the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942, so as to authorize crediting of service as a cadet, midshipman, or aviation cadet for pay purposes, and agreed to report the bill favorably to the full committee. Witnesses testifying on

this bill were: Representative Bradley; Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, Chief, Naval Operations; Rear Adm. Thomas L. Sprague, Chief of Personnel, Navy Department; Rear Adm. Merlin O'Neill, Coast Guard; and Lt. Col. John E. Kirk, Department of the Army.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued hearings on S. 866, T-E-W housing bill, and related measures, to establish and carry out a national housing policy, with Charles F. Brannan, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, presenting the views of the Department regarding the development of adequate rural housing. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ST. ELIZABETHS

Committee on Education and Labor: Voted unanimously to report H. R. 6289 to the House. This measure would authorize the voluntary admission and treatment of D. C. residents as mental patients at St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D. C.

UN STRUCTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: At the hearings on the UN structure and relations between the United Nations and the United States, the following Members of Congress testified: Representatives Stockman, Holifield, Folger, Gwinn of New York, Johnson of California, and Chadwick. Hearings continue tomorrow.

HEART-DISEASE RESEARCH

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Concluded hearings on H. R. 3059, 3464, 3762, 5087, and 5159, bills providing for research relating to diseases of the heart, hearing the following witnesses: Representative Smathers, sponsor of H. R. 5159; Dr. Johnson McGuire, Cincinnati General Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Dr. Robert Levy, member of National Research Council, Dr. Howard A. Rusk, assistant editor, New York Times, and Dr. Willard C. Rappelye, dean, College of Physicians and Surgeons, all of New York City.

MILEAGE-BANKRUPTCY-U. S. CODE

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered the following bills reported favorably to the House:

S. 692, to authorize a mileage allowance of 7 cents per mile for United States marshals and their deputies for travel on official business;

H. R. 5693, to amend the Bankruptcy Act, and to repeal subdivision b of section 64 and subdivision h of section 70 thereof;

H. R. 6412 (amended), to codify and enact into positive law title 3 of the United States Code, entitled "The President"; and

Four private immigration bills.

MERCHANT MARINE

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Donald S. Morrison, vice president, American-Hawaiian Steamship Co.; Gilbert R. Johnson, counsel, Lake Carriers Association; and Dale S. Coy, a partner of Hutchinson & Co., testified at the open hearings on H. J. Res. 377, to encourage investment for further construction and strengthening of the merchant marine, and remove certain inequities in the Merchant Marine Act of 1936. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

The full committee met later in executive session and ordered the following two bills reported to the House:

H. R. 6110, to permit the landing of halibut by Canadian fishing vessels in Alaskan ports; and

H. R. 6204, to extend to commissioned officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey the provisions of the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946.

The committee also ordered reported a substitute text for H. R. 3132, to authorize the Coast Guard to operate and maintain ocean stations, and H. R. 4796, to authorize the Coast Guard to establish, maintain, and operate aids to navigation.

ARCHIVES—FEES—CENSUS—PROMOTION

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Ordered the following bills to be reported favorably to the House:

H. R. 6293, providing that certain fees collected by the Archivist shall be available for disbursement in the interest of the National Archives;

H. R. 6441, amended, to create the Board of Postal Rates and Fees in the Post Office Department;

H. R. 6208, to provide for the collection and publication of statistical information by the Bureau of the Census: and

S. 1082, amended, allowing credits to certain postal employees for establishing promotion eligibility.

METAL—TRADE

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining resumed hearings on its study of critical and strategic minerals and metals. Arthur M. Hill, Chairman of the National Security Resources Board, testified. Accompanying Mr. Hill, appearing only in an advisory capacity, were Maj. Gen. C. F. Robinson, G. Lyle Belsley, secretary, and John Croston, consultant, Non-Ferrous Metals Division, National Security Resources Board.

The Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Possessions considered H. R. 5876, relative to trade restrictions on exports and imports between Puerto Rico and the United States. Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico, Antonio Fernós-Isern, explained suggested amendments to the proposed legislation. No final action was taken on the bill.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Committee on Public Works: W. E. Reynolds, Commissioner of Public Buildings, PBA; Walter Myers,

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General; and Joseph F. Betterley, Superintendent, Division of Post Office Quarters, testified before the Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds in its consideration of H. R. 5750, providing for extension and improvement of post-office facilities at Los Angeles, Calif. This measure was approved for reporting to the full committee.

The subcommittee also approved H. R. 3628 and 3632, as amended, identical bills which would authorize the Commissioner of Public Buildings to lease a federally owned building to the Temple Methodist Church of

San Francisco, Calif.

COMMUNISM—COMMERCE—ALCOHOL

Committee on Rules: Reported H. Res. 582, a rule providing 5 hours of general debate on, and waiving points of order against, H. R. 5852, a bill to combat un-American activities by requiring the registration of Communist-front organizations. Representatives Mundt and Nixon favored the resolution; and Representatives Klein, Isacson, and Marcantonio opposed it.

Also reported H. Res. 581, a rule providing 2 hours of general debate on H. R. 221, a bill to amend the Interstate Commerce Act with respect to certain agreements between carriers. Representatives Wolverton, Bulwinkle, and Leonard W. Hall favored the resolution,

while Representative O'Hara opposed it.

Heard Representatives Johnson of Illinois and Hope speak in favor of a resolution providing consideration of H. R. 6096, a bill to provide for making available the Government-owned alcohol plants at Muscatine, Iowa; Kansas City, Mo.; and Omaha, Nebr., for the production of products from agricultural commodities in the furtherance of authorized programs of the Department of Agriculture. No action was taken on the resolution.

RECIPROCAL TRADE

Committee on Ways and Means: Secretary of State Marshall and Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Brannan testified before the Gearhart subcommittee, in executive session, which is considering legislation regarding the extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, which expires June 12, 1948. Also testifying were Allen B. Kline, president, Farm Bureau Federation, and Charles P. Taft, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee met in executive session with members of the Atomic Energy Commission to discuss the Commission's mining program and its labor problems. Meets again tomorrow.

FIRST DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION

Conferees on H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriation bill, reached an agreement to file a second conference report on the differences between the two versions as passed the House and Senate. The first report was agreed upon on April 28, but was rejected in the Senate on April 30. As this bill passed the House it would appropriate \$338,378,152; as it passed the Senate it would appropriate \$780,179,479. The second conference report, as agreed upon, would appropriate \$777,986,045.84.

Monday, May 10, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed 64 unobjected-to bills on call of calendar.

House debated Government corporations appropriation.

Bills on arms exportation and estate-tax exemptions ordered reported by House committee.

Conferees agreed to file report on supplemental national defense appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 5463-5468, 5480-5484 Bills Introduced: Twenty-five bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2619 to S. 2643; S. J. Res. 213; and S. Res. 230 to 232.

Pages 5465-5467 Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 231, referring to Court of Claims S. 662, a private bill (S. Rept. 1256);

H. R. 2878, to revise the roll of Indians of California with amendments (S. Rept. 1265);

S. J. Res. 203, to ratify contract for purchase of certain mineral land from the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, with amendments (S. Rept. 1266);

Individual views of Senator Hayden on H. R. 29, anti-

poll-tax bill (part II of S. Rept. 1225); and

The following private bills: S. 107, 1573, 2440, 1835; H. R. 3805, 3965, 4593, and 4672 (S. Repts. 1257 through 1264).

Calendar Bills Passed: On call of the calendar, 64 unobjected-to bills, of which 27 were private, were passed as follows:

Without amendment and cleared for President:

GAO Building: H. R. 4068, authorizing the FWA to

construct a GAO building;

D. C. Courthouse: H. R. 5963, authorizing construction of courthouse to accommodate U. S. Court of Appeals for D. C. and District Court of the U. S. for D. C. (S. 2284, companion bill, was indefinitely postponed);

Dam: H. R. 5543, construction of dam on Lumber River, N. C. (S. 2262, companion bill, was indefinitely postponed);

Immigration: H. R. 5137, to amend the Immigra-

tion Act relative to nonquota immigrants;

Wildlife: H. R. 107, to acquire land in California for wildlife management and control;

Wildlife: H. R. 4018, relating to the transfer of sur-

plus lands for wildlife purposes;

Rural Carriers: H. R. 1189, allowing seniority privilege of transfer to certain vacancies on rural-carrier routes:

Indian Lands: H. R. 5262, authorizing sale of cer-

tain Indian lands;

Public Lands: H. R. 5651, authorizing conveyance of certain lands in South Dakota for municipal or public purposes;

Indian Land: H. R. 5118, sale of certain Indian lands in Flathead Reservation to the State of Montana;

State Homes: H. R. 1562, increasing the amount of Federal aid to State homes for disabled U. S. soldiers and sailors;

Mustering-Out: H. R. 5805, extending time for application for benefits of Mustering-Out Payment Act;

Marine Band: H. R. 5035, authorizing attendance of

Marine Band at GAR encampment; and

Private Bills: 23 private bills: H. R. 338, 817, 831, 1022, 1724, 1749, 2418, 3224, 3608, 3740, 3787, 3824, 3880, 4050, 4130, 4631, 345, 1392, 2000, 4129, 3189, 1653, and 1953.

With amendment to be sent back to House:

FWA Police: H. R. 3219, authorizing appointment of special policemen on property under jurisdiction of FWA;

Immigration: H. R. 1878, to deny admission to U. S. of persons deemed to endanger the public safety;

Aliens: H. R. 3566, to amend Immigration Act relative to deportation of deportable aliens;

Naturalization: H. R. 5193, to amend the Nationality Act relative to naturalizing aliens who served in armed forces;

Alaska Airport: H. R. 3510, to authorize airport in

Anchorage, Alaska;

Civil Service: H. R. 4236, preventing discrimination against physically handicapped persons in the civil service;

Coast Guard: H. R. 4892, relative to retirement pay of officers who have served as assistant commandants or engineers in chief of the U. S. Coast Guard;

Oysters: H. R. 3505, to rehabilitate oyster beds in Mis-

sissippi and Louisiana;

Navigation Rules: H. R. 3350, relative to navigation rules on western rivers;

Naval Vessels: H. R. 4721, removing statutory limitation on appropriations for repairs or alterations of naval vessels;

Irrigation Charges: H. R. 5669, providing for adjustment of irrigation charges on Flathead Indian irrigation project;

Irrigation District: H. R. 6067, amendatory repayment

contract with Northport irrigation district;

Filtration Plant: H. R. 2359, providing for construction of water-filtration plant on West Point Military Reservation; and

Racing Shells: H. R. 5933, relative to duty-free import of racing shells for preparation of the Olympic games. The Senate asked for a conference and appointed as conferees Senators Millikin, Brewster, and Barkley.

Without amendment and cleared for House:

Control-Tower Operators: S. 3, to provide for the training of air-traffic-control-tower operators;

Railway Postal Clerks: S. 2152, to increase maximum

travel allowance for railway postal clerks;

Veterans' Preference: S. 2224, to amend Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 regarding priority rights of veterans entitled to 10-point preference under such Act;

Promotion: S. 2223, promotion of Lt. Gen. Leslie R.

Groves;

Land Easement: S. 2291, easement of lands adjacent to Fort Myers Army Airfield, Fla.;

Land Easement: S. 2233, easement for construction of water main at naval air station, Alameda, Calif.;

Army Property: S. 2077, authorizing exchange of certain property in Kearney, Nebr.; and

Private bill: One involving private claims: S. Res. 227.

With amendment and cleared for House:

Clams: S. 1979, authorizing studies of soft-shell clam; Alien Residents: S. 2432, to amend the Alien Registration Act of 1940 by requiring every alien resident in the U. S. to report his address twice a year;

Dade Monument: S. 153, authorizing replica of Dade

Monument for State of Florida; and

Private bills: Three private bills: S. 668, 2060, and 1703.

Educational Compact: Senate continued debate on H. J. Res. 334, compact on regional education entered into between the Southern States. Senator Wiley offered as a substitute to Senator Ives' amendment on segregation, the language of a similar committee amendment, to S. J. Res. 191, Senate bill on the same subject as that of H. J. Res. 334.

Pages 5484-5497, 5502-5506

Nominations: Received 127 Navy and 44 civilian nominations, together with 1 postmaster withdrawal.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: On Saturday, May 8, the committee met in executive session to consider S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program.

FOREIGN-AID APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Hearings, beginning Thursday, May 13, were announced on appropriations for the foreign aid program, following an executive session of the committee to discuss procedure of hearings on such appropriations. ECA Administrator Hoffman will be the first witness heard, followed by the economic advisers of various American embassies in the countries involved.

SUPPLEMENTAL FEDERAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee opened hearings on H. R. 6355, supplemental appropriations for Federal Security Agency, 1949. The following witnesses, accompanied by their assistants, testified in support of funds for their respective offices: J. Donald Kingsley, Acting Federal Security Administrator; Arthur J. Altmeyer, Commissioner for Social Security; R. G. Wagenet, Director of Bureau of Employment Security; Jane M. Hoey, Director of Bureau of Public Assistance; and R. E. Touchat, Assistant Director of Bureau of Old Age and Survivors Insurance. David A. Morse, Under Secretary of Labor, and Robert C. Goodwin, Director of USES, testified in opposition to taking the USES out of the Department of Labor. Hearings continue tomorrow.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: On Friday, May 7, subcommittee concluded marking up H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations. The bill will next be reported to the full committee for its approval.

UMT AND SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued in executive session working on the draft of a proposed

bill on UMT and the reenactment of selective service. Meets again tomorrow. Committee also met on this subject on Friday, May 7.

WAA AND REORGANIZATION ACT

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: In executive session on May 7, the committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Jess Larson, to be Administrator of WAA, and Rear Adm. Paul L. Mather, to be Associate Administrator of WAA.

It also approved for reporting S. 1747, to authorize credit in certain accounts of U. S. property and disbursing officers under the War Department.

The President's message on Permanent Reorganization Act of 1948 (H. Doc. 590) was referred to subcommittee for study. The subcommittee consists of Senators Bricker and Hoey.

CONTRACT AIR CARRIERS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee held hearings on S. 2449, to provide for regulation and licensing of contract air carriers by the CAB, receiving testimony from the following witnesses: Emory T. Nunneley, general counsel, CAB; Robert Ramspeck, Air Transport Association; Roscoe Turner, Roscoe Turner Aeronautical Corp.; and Landgon P. Marvin, Jr., private individual. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ANIMALS AND BIRDS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: On May 7, subcommittee on S. 1447, requiring humane treatment of imported wild animals and birds, heard the following witnesses testify in support of the bill, with proposed amendments: Donald J. Chaney, Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior Department; Archibald McDonald, Animal Rescue League of Boston; Dr. William H. Mann, Director, National Zoological Park, Washington, D. C.; Carl Shoemaker, National Wildlife Federation; Delos Culver, The Defenders of Fur Bearers; Richard W. Westwood, American Nature Association; and Christian P. Norgord, American Humane Association.

COLORADO WATER RIGHTS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Irrigation and Reclamation Subcommittee opened hearings on S. J. Res. 145, to authorize commencement of an action by the U. S. to determine interstate water rights in the Colorado River system, and received testimony in support of the resolution from Senator Knowland; Representatives Phillips of California and Fletcher; Northcutt Ely, Colorado River Board of California; James H. Howard, metropolitan water district; and Arvin A. Shaw, assistant attorney general of California. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PUBLIC LANDS AND BUILDINGS AND INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: On May 8 the committee, in executive session, approved for reporting to the Senate, the following bills, without amendment: H. R. 3635, ratifying joint resolution by Legislature of Hawaii on sale of public lands for homesteads; H. R. 3954, approving Act 74 of Hawaiian Legislature relative to public bonds; H. R. 4201, authorizing payments to school district serving Fort Peck project in Montana; S. J. Res. 203, ratify contract for purchase of certain mineral land from the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians; H. R. 4091, ratifying an act of Hawaii, 1947; H. R. 5175, relative to issuance of public improvement bonds by Hawaii; H. R. 3633, amend Hawaiian Homes Commission Act designating certain public lands as available home lands; H. R. 5122, permitting increase of tax on assessed valuation of lands in Alaska; H. R. 3344, transferring small area in Alaska from Anchorage land district to that of Fairbanks; H. R. 183, transfer of lot in Fairbanks, Alaska; H. R. 4512, to convey land to State of Oklahoma for Northeastern State College, Oklahoma; H. R. 5244, credits in connection with homestead interests of certain World War II veterans; S. 2508, to increase salary of Coordinator of Federal Agencies in Puerto Rico; H. R. 5839, to convey to States, or participating subdivisions, roads to certain historical areas administered by the Department of Interior; S. 2548, to amend Mineral Leasing Act to permit exercise of certain options on or before August 8, 1950; H. R. 4551, relative to surplus Government lands to Cape Hatteras seashore recreational area project; S. 1987, to authorize construction of Preston Bench project, Idaho; H. R. 5155, to authorize joint survey for construction of a parkway along the C. & O. Canal; H. R. 5173, to amend Hawaiian Homes Commission Act by designating certain public lands as available home lands; H. R. 4823, providing school facilities at Yellowstone National Park; H. R. 4513, to eliminate requirements of oaths in certain land matters; and S. 2346, distribution of funds from receipts of the Colorado River Development Fund to States of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

The committee approved with amendment: S. 1413, authorizing Minnesota to condemn certain lands for fish propagation; H. R. 2878, to revise the roll of Indians of California; S. 2254, land transfer in Fort Robinson Military Reservation, Crawford, Nebr.; S. 582, to pay an annual 2 percent of fair value of national forest lands to respective States or Territories; S. 1445, State compact over division of waters of the Snake River; S. 1504, private bill; H. R. 4461, to approve performance in the field of certain functions relating to public lands; and

S. 1386, authorizing modification in repayment contracts for Lower Yellowstone irrigation districts 1 and 2.

KLAMATH INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on May 7 met in executive session on S. 1224, Klamath Indian Reservation bill. Action taken will be reported to the full committee at its next meeting.

HAWAIIAN JUDGESHIP

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee received testimony from Delegate Farrington in support of the nomination of Albert M. Cristy, to be associate justice of Supreme Court of Hawaii.

ANTILYNCHING

Committee on the Judiciary: On Friday, May 7, committee met in executive session to consider S. 42, antilynching bill, but final action was held over until a later date.

GOVERNMENT CAFETERIAS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee met in executive session to draft a bill on the existing Government Services, Inc., situation.

LACKAWAXEN AND SUSQUEHANNA

Committee on Public Works: Flood Control and River and Harbor Subcommittee held hearings on proposed flood control dams on the Lackawaxen and Susquehanna Rivers. General Wheeler, Chief of Engineers, and Colonel Gee, U. S. Army Engineers, gave the committee information on the engineers' favorable report on the flood control dams at Dyberry and Prompton, Pa., on the Lackawaxen River. A. Emerson Howell, attorney, Robert J. Demer, solicitor for Wayne County, and C. J. Reap, attorney for Chamber of Commerce of Honesdale, all of Pennsylvania, testified in support of legislation to construct the two dams; the following appeared in opposition to them: P. J. Sheridan, W. L. Giles, engineer, Fred Gillow, William O'Neill, Clarence Roe, Lester Carleton, and J. H. Chyle, all of Pennsylvania.

The following witnesses testified in support of legislation to construct a flood-control dam at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on the Susquehanna River: Representative Jenkins of Pennsylvania, Tom Evans, city treasurer, and Guy Walker, city engineer, both of Wilkes-Barre.

MARYLAND SENATORIAL ELECTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections met in executive session to consider the Maryland senatorial election contest of 1946.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fifteen public bills, H. R. 6481 and H. R. 6483-6496; four private bills, H. R. 6482 and H. R. 6497-6499; and four resolutions, H. Res. 587 and 588, and H. J. Res. 397 and 398, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1853, authorizing the Coast Guard to maintain aids to navigation (H. Rept. 1878);

S. 2122, authorizing the Coast Guard to operate and maintain ocean weather stations (H. Rept. 1879);

H. R. 6481, Government corporations appropriation

bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 1880);

H. R. 6401, providing for the common defense by increasing the strength of the armed forces of the United States (H. Rept. 1881);

H. R. 6482, a private bill (H. Rept. 1889);

H. R. 5307, authorizing grants for hospital facilities in the District of Columbia (H. Rept. 1890);

H. R. 6289, voluntary admission and treatment of patients at St. Elizabeths Hospital (H. Rept. 1891);

H. R. 6407, International Aviation Facilities Act (H. Rept. 1892);

H. R. 6030, authorizing exchange of wildlife refuge lands within the State of Washington (H. Rept. 1893);

H. R. 6204, extending to commissioned officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey the provisions of Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946 (H. Rept. 1894);

H. R. 5106, providing for changes in time of holding court in certain divisions in the eastern and western districts of South Carolina (H. Rept. 1895);

H. R. 6246, authorizing transfer of certain Federal lands within the Chopawamsic Park to the Secretary of the Navy, addition of surplus lands by the Department of the Army to this park, also to change the name of said park to Prince William Forest Park (H. Rept. 1896);

S. 692, authorizing mileage allowance of 7 cents per mile for U. S. marshals and their deputies for travel on

official business (H. Rept. 1897);

H. R. 6412, codification and enactment into law of title

3 of the U.S. Code (H. Rept. 1898);

H. R. 5891, replacing the Federal charter of the Choctaw, Oklahoma, & Gulf Railroad Co. (H. Rept. 1899); and

Investigation of sale of Parkview Heights housing project at Knox, Ind., by Public Housing Administration to a private corporation (H. Rept. 1900).

Four private bills: H. R. 4587; and S. 1365, 1483, and

1729 (H. Repts. 1901-1904, respectively); and

Conference report on H. R. 6226, making supplemental appropriations for national defense for fiscal year 1948 (H. Rept. 1905).

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Record Deletion: Defeated H. Res. 587, proposing that certain words be deleted from the permanent Record.

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National Defense: Disagreed to Senate amendments, agreed to request for a conference on H. R. 6226, making supplemental appropriations for national defense for fiscal year 1948, and Representatives Taber, Wigglesworth, Engel of Michigan, Stefan, Case of South Dakota, Keefe, Cannon, Kerr, and Mahon were appointed conferees on the part of the House. Permission was granted that the conferees have until midnight to file a conference report.

RFC: Insisted on its amendments, agreed to conference with Senate on S. 2287, extending the life of RFC, and appointed Representatives Wolcott, Gamble, Kunkel, Talle, Spence, Brown of Georgia, and Patman as conferees.

Conferee Change: Appointed Representative Wadsworth to replace Representative Hoffman as a conferee on H. R. 2239, authorizing sale or lease to State governments of surplus property for use in training civilian components of the Army.

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Printing Authorizations: Reported, considered, and adopted the following measures authorizing the printing of various documents: S. Con. Res. 52 and 53 (H. Repts. 1887 and 1888); H. Con. Res. 189 and 120 (H. Repts. 1885 and 1886; and H. Res. 554 (H. Rept. 1883).

Committee Expenses: Reported, considered, and adopted H. Res. 532 (H. Rept. 1882), providing \$50,000 for further expenses of studies and investigations by the Committee on Public Works.

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House Records: Reported, considered, and adopted H. Res. 567 (H. Rept. 1884), granting permission to Members to review certain files of the House of Representatives.

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D. C. Insurance: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 3998, regulating casualty insurance rates in the District of Columbia, thus clearing the bill for Presidential action.

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Government Corporations: After more than 3½ hours of generate debate on H. R. 6481, Government corporations appropriation bill for 1949, the House read the first paragraph of the bill and postponed further consideration of the measure until tomorrow.

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Committee Meetings

NATIONAL LAND POLICY-TOBACCO

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on H. R. 6054, to establish a long-range land policy and conservation program, meeting on May 7 and resuming on May 10. The following opposition witnesses were heard last Friday: Allan Kline, president, American Farm Bureau Federation; A. D. Brownfield, assisted by J. E. Davenport, who represented New Mexico Cattle Growers Association and New Mexico Wool Growers Association; and Sam C. Hyatt, Wyoming Stock Growers Association.

The following proponent witnesses were heard at today's meeting: Ruth Gilmore, National Council of State Garden Clubs, Providence, R. I.; and the following members of governing boards of Soil Conservation Service: George R. Heidrich, West Virginia; Howard C. Herald, Indiana; Leo Knox, Texas; Clay Stackhouse, president, Ohio Federation of Soil Conservation District Supervisors; D. M. Yelverton, Mississippi; Hugh D. Chamberlain, New York; Everett R. Read, Illinois; William R. Powell, Maryland; C. P. Tiffany, Tennessee; Orrie Shiffer, Wisconsin; I. B. Hudson, Delaware; and State Senator Ben. N. Glover, Alabama. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Representative Murray of Wisconsin testified before Subcommittee No. 1 on Saturday, May 8, on H. R. 5277, a bill which he introduced which would repeal the act of June 5, 1940, entitled "An Act to prohibit the exportation of tobacco seed and plants, except for experimental purposes."

REVOLVING FUND-MILITARY SURPLUS

Committee on Armed Services: W. H. Draper, Jr., Under Secretary of the Army; Senator Eastland; and Dr. W. B. Jacobs, president, American Association of Cotton Manufacturers, testified before the Procurement Subcommittee at its hearing on S. 2376, to provide a revolving fund to purchase agricultural commodities for processing in occupied areas. Hearings will be

continued Thursday, May 13.

On Friday, May 7, the Legal Subcommittee voted to report the following bills favorably to the full committee: H. R. 3883, transfer of vessel Hygiene to Territory of Alaska; H. R. 5283, disposal of surplus sand at Fort Story, Va.; H. R. 5642, easement for water main in naval air station at Alameda, Calif.; H. R. 5181, exchange certain property with city of Kearney, Nebr.; H. R. 5836, easement over certain lands adjacent to Fort Myers Army Airfield, Fla.; and H. R. 4032, delegation of certain discretionary powers vested in President to the Secretary of the Navy. Witnesses appearing were: Delegate Bartlett, of Alaska, and Dr. C. Earl Albright, Health Commissioner, Territory of Alaska, both on H. R. 3883; and Representative Hardy, of Virginia, on H. R. 5283.

Also on Friday, the Procurement Subcommittee considered H. R. 5850 and H. R. 5882, authorizing donation of surplus property by Army, Navy, and Air Force. Agreed to report H. R. 5882 favorably to full committee. Witnesses at this hearing were: Capt. Ira H. Nunn, Judge Advocate General's Office, Navy; Col. John West, Department of Army; C. H. Overman, State Educational Agencies for Surplus Property; and Edwin K. Dole, California State Department of Education.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Met to consider S. 866, T-E-W housing bill, and related measures, to establish and carry out a national housing policy, and heard R. P. Bland, Office of Legislation, VA, who testified with respect to title VIII of S. 866, providing subsidized housing to certain disabled veterans; and Boris Shishkin, housing committee, AFL, both of whom spoke in favor of the legislation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

On Friday, May 7, John T. Egan, commissioner, Public Housing Administration, testified in favor of the public housing features of the bill; along with Charles L. Kaufman, chairman, Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and General Thomas Farrell, chair-

man, New York City Housing Authority.

CIVIL AIR PATROL

Committee on Education and Labor: Voted to report H. R. 3673 favorably to the House. This bill would extend the benefits of the U.S. Employees Compensation Act to active members of the Civilian Air Patrol. At the conclusion of the hearings on Friday, May 7, the following witnesses testified: Representatives Short; Maj. Gen. Lucas V. Beau, national commander, Civilian Air Patrol; R. E. Dawson, national commander, and Dan F. Ritchie, secretary-treasurer, both of the Association of Civilian Air Patrol; George W. Witney, Judge Advocate's Office; William D. Mason, director, Sun Oil Co.; and Col. Wallace D. Newcomb, Philadelphia, Pa., formerly with Civilian Air Patrol.

KNOX PROJECT-INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Ordered reported to the House the report of the subcommittee on investigation of the sale by the Public Housing Administration of housing projects, Parkview Heights, Knox, Ind., to a private corporation.

The Subcommittee on Buildings and Procurement held an executive session to discuss its future program.

On Friday, May 7, a subcommittee met with members of the House Committee on Education and Labor as well as representatives from the Small Business Committee, and heard the testimony of the following witnesses with reference to a proposed administrative ruling or interpretation of the meaning of the term "interstate and foreign commerce": J. Brown, general counsel, Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Union; Bruce

Anderson, Lansing, Mich., Kenneth A. Lane, director, employer-employee relations, and M. O. Ryan, Washington representative, all of the American Hotel Association; James W. Foristel, executive director, House Small Business Committee; and Robert W. Denham, general counsel, NLRB.

TRADE COMMISSION—STANDARD TIME

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: At the hearings on H. R. 3871, amending the Federal Trade Commission Act, to define its powers and duties, the following proponent witnesses testified: Casper W. Ooms, attorney, Chicago, Ill.; James F. Hoge, representing the Proprietary Association of America, New York City; and Kenneth Perry, vice president, Johnson & Johnson Co., New Brunswick, N. J. Following these witnesses, Walter B. Wooden, associate general counsel, and James W. Cassedy, assistant general counsel, both of the Federal Trade Commission, testified in opposition to the bill.

On Friday, May 7, the following bills were ordered reported:

H. R. 5889, extending provisions of the Public Health Service Act to the Virgin Islands;

H. R. 4114, expenditures under the Public Health Service Act (amended);

H. R. 6339, standards of maintenance and operation for hospitals under Public Health Service Act; and

H. R. 6318, amending the Standard Time Act, re-

lating to the State of Idaho.

At the public hearing on H. R. 2414, 2740, and 6318, standard-time bills, before the subcommittee of which Leonard W. Hall is chairman, the following witnesses were heard: Representative Sanborn; Earl Gammons, vice president, Columbia Broadcasting System; Gene Juster, program manager, National Broadcasting Co.; W. J. Hynes, special representative, Union Pacific Railroad; W. R. Triem, general superintendent of telegraph, Pennsylvania Railroad, representing Association of American Railroads; and A. D. Willard, Jr., executive vice president, National Association of Broadcasters.

IMMIGRATION—PATENTS—BANKRUPTCY

Committee on the Judiciary: The Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization agreed to report 6 private immigration bills favorably to the full com-

mittee today.

Ira E. McCabe, chief engineer, Mercoid Corp., Chicago, Ill., and Ralph Swingle, patent attorney, Pittsburgh, Pa., testified before the Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights on May 7, in connection with H. R. 4061, to establish a criterion of invention with respect to patent applications and issued patents; H. R. 5248, to declare a national policy regarding the test for determining invention; and H. R. 5988,

to provide for the protection of patent rights where enforcement against direct infringers is impracticable, and to define "contributory infringement."

The Subcommittee on Bankruptcy and Reorganization also held hearings on May 7, to consider H. R. 2412 and H. R. 5834, amending section 60a of the Bankruptcy Act of 1898, relative to transfers. Milton P. Kupfer, of New York City, chairman of the American Bar Association's committee on the amendment of section 60a of the Bankruptcy Act, was the first of a group of proponent witnesses on H. R. 2412. He was followed by William B. Cudlip, Detroit, Mich., and John W. Kearns, Chicago, Ill., secretary and vice chairman, respectively, of the section of corporation, banking, and mercantile law, and J. Francis Ireton, Baltimore, Md., all representing the American Bar Association; Alfred Heuston, Bar Association of the City of New York; Walter D. Yankauer, chairman, Factors Legislative Committee, New York City; Thomas W. Rogers, executive vice president, American Finance Conference, Chicago, Ill.; Clarence O. Holten, Minneapolis, on behalf of Minnesota Association of Sales Finance Companies; Walter D. Malcolm, Boston, on behalf of the Massachusetts State Bankers Association; Prof. John Hanna, Columbia University Law School, New York; Irvin I. Livingston, Chicago, on behalf of the Midwest Conference of Accounts Receivable Companies; Homer Kripke, New York City, on behalf of Commercial Investment Trust, Inc.; and T. E. Sime, assistant vice president, Bankers Trust Co., New York City.

Testifying on behalf of H. R. 5834 were Peter B. Olney, chairman, National Bankruptcy Conference, New York City; Frank A. Dudley, Portland, Oreg., and W. Randolph Montgomery, both representing the National Association of Credit Men, New York City; Jacob I. Weinstein, chairman, committee on bankruptcy, Commercial Law League of America, and Mrs. A. S. Musgrave, attorney, also a member of the same committee.

POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on the Post Office and Civil Service: Post-master General Donaldson took part in the hearings on Friday, May 7, before a subcommittee considering organizational modifications in the postal service. This subcommittee acted pursuant to House authority (H. Res. 176), to consider the organization of the Post Office Department. Also testifying were: First Assistant Postmaster General Burke; Keith S. McHugh, vice president, American Telephone & Telegraph Co.; Harry B. George, purchasing director, Great A. & P. Tea Co.; and Dr. William Neuman, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania.

INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: On Friday, May 7, the Subcommittee on Indian Affairs considered, but took no final action on, H. Res. 563, to create a select committee to conduct study and investigation of the U. S. and Alaskan Indians, and H. R. 5932 and S. 2363, identical bills to promote rehabilitation of Navajo and Hopi Indians, and better utilization of the resources on their reservations.

SCHOOL—BRIDGES—DREDGING

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds considered but took no action on H. R. 5433, to transfer jurisdiction over certain school buildings in Vanport, Oreg., to the Federal Works Administration, and authorize appropriation for rebuilding a school building that was destroyed by fire. Representative Angell, sponsor of the bill, testified, along with Commissioner George Field, Bureau of Community Facilities, FWA, and B. T. Fitzpatrick, assistant administrator and general counsel, Housing and Home Finance Agency.

The Subcommittee on Roads approved the following bills for reporting to the full committee:

H. R. 3402, relative to extending maturity date of certain revenue bonds in connection with the acquisition cost of the bridge across the Missouri River at Rulo, Nebr.;

H. R. 3686, permit allocation of funds under the Federal Highway Act for construction of certain toll bridges which are part of a strategic network of highways;

H. R. 4190, amending the General Bridge Act of 1946 relative to tolls, charged on interstate bridges;

S. 1305, defining notice requirements before public lands reserved as power sites are declared open to location for entry; and

H. R. 5842, provide for acquisition of additional land along Mount Vernon Memorial Highway in exchange for certain dredging privileges.

D. C. HOME RULE

Committee on Rules: Considered rule providing for general debate and consideration of amendments on H. R. 6227, D. C. home-rule bill. Representatives Dirksen and Auchincloss spoke in favor of the resolution, and Representative McMillan of South Carolina opposed it. The committee will continue on this subject tomorrow.

ARMS EXPORTATION—TAX EXEMPTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered H. J. Res. 395 to be reported to the House, as amended. This resolu-

tion provides for the exportation of arms and implements of war from the United States to Palestine. Also heard Representatives Buck and Celler, respective sponsors of H. R. 6159 and 6160, to establish foreign-trade zones, along with many other witnesses. No action was taken on this legislation.

Later, the committee in executive session resumed consideration of the general tax-revision program. It also ordered H. R. 6275, to exempt from estate tax national service life insurance and U. S. Government life insurance in certain cases, reported to the House.

Following this, the committee resumed executive consideration of legislation regarding the extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, which expires June 12, 1948.

Joint Committee Meetings

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee met in executive session with members of the Atomic Energy Commission, and discussed a report on the recent test held at Eniwetok. Meets again tomorrow.

On Friday, May 7, some members of the AEC, accompanied by their staff, met in closed session with the committee to discuss fiscal and technical aspects of the atomic energy program. Committee meets again tomorrow.

SUPPLEMENTAL NATIONAL DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees on H. R. 6226, making supplemental appropriations for national defense for fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, agreed to file a conference report on differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of the bill. As agreed upon, the bill would provide \$3,224,000,000 in direct appropriations and contract authorizations for the construction of airplanes for national defense, and deficiency items for Army engineers.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D321)

H. R. 2622, to authorize loans for Indians from revolving funds. Signed May 7, 1948 (P. L. 516); and

H. R. 4090, relative to retired pay for certain members of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps. Signed May 7, 1948 (P. L. 517).

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate cleared supplemental national defense appropriations for President. House passed Government corporations appropriation and carrier-agreement bills.

Selective Training and Service Act and Post Office and Civil Service bills approved by Senate groups.

Bills from Armed Services, Judiciary, and Public Lands Committees ordered reported to the House.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2644 to S. 2654; S. J. Res. 214; and S. Res. 233.

Bills Reported: A report was made as follows:

S. 582, to pay an annual 2 percent of fair value of national-forest lands to respective States or Territories, with amendments (S. Rept. 1267).

Printing Resolutions: The following printing resolutions were adopted:

H. Con. Res. 120, providing for reprinting of H. Doc. 772 (79th Cong. 2d sess.) on benefits administered by the VA; and

H. Con. Res. 189, providing for printing of final report of Select Committee on Foreign Aid.

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Filtration Plant: Senate insisted on its amendments to H. R. 2359, providing for construction of water-filtration plant on West Point Military Reservation, agreed to a conference, and appointed as conferees Senators Gurney, Baldwin, and Maybank.

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Educational Compact: Senate continued debate on H. J. Res. 334, compact on regional education entered into between the Southern States, and received Senator Morse's motion to refer the resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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National Defense Appropriation: Senate adopted conference report on H. R. 6226, making supplemental appropriations for national defense for fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, involving over \$3 billion for construction of airplanes, agreeing to amendment of House to Senate amendment No. 10, respecting renegotiation of contracts. This action clears the bill for President's signature.

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Nomination: The nomination of George P. Shaw, of California, to be Ambassador to Nicaragua was received.

Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee met in executive session to consider S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program.

SUPPLEMENTAL FEDERAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 6355, supplemental appropriations for Federal Security Agency, 1949, receiving testimony on various funds carried in the bill from the following witnesses: Dr. James A. Crabtree, Deputy Surgeon General of Public Health Service, accompanied by his assistants; Leo Miller, executive assistant to the Federal Security Administrator, representing the FSA; Miss Katherine F. Lenroot, Children's Bureau of Social Security Administration, accompanied by her assistants; Perry Faulkner, Veterans Placement Service Board and Veterans Employment Service; W. O. Hake, Tennessee; Richard Brockway, New York; Milton Loysen, Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies; Elizabeth Wickenden, American Public Welfare Association; Sidney Hollander, National Social Welfare Assembly; Dr. Marjorie Shearon, Shearon Medical Legislative Service; Louise Stitt, National Consumers League; and Mrs. Dorothy W. Thomson, American Parents Committee, Inc. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UMT AND SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Armed Services: By a vote of 7 to 2, the committee approved for reporting to the Senate a bill (to be introduced and reported, perhaps tomorrow) to be known as the Selective Training and Service Act of 1948. As approved, the measure would authorize a 2-year draft of men 19 through 25, and 1-year training for 161,000 men in the 18-year-old bracket.

UN AND COLLECTIVE SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: In executive session the committee worked on the draft of a United Nations

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and collective security resolution. It will meet again tomorrow on this same question, at which time it hopes to reach an agreement. In that case, the resolution would be reported to the Senate for its approval. Its approval of the resolution would be its reassertion of "the policy of the United States to achieve international peace and security through the United Nations," and the President would "be advised of the sense of the Senate."

COLORADO WATER RIGHTS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Continuing hearings on S. J. Res. 145, to authorize commencement of an action by the U. S. to determine interstate water rights in the Colorado River system, subcommittee heard G. E. Arnold, water department of San Diego, and Rex Hardy, assistant city attorney of Los Angeles, testify in support of the bill.

Testifying in opposition to the bill were: J. A. Howell, Utah-Colorado River Basin States Commission; Jean S. Breitenstein, attorney for Colorado Water Conservation Board, Colorado River Basin States Committee; Charles A. Carson, chief counsel, Arizona Interstate Stream Commission; Fred E. Wilson, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; and W. J. Wehrli, Casper, Wyo. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RAILROAD CARS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee held hearings on S. 1635, requiring railroads to conform to standards of safety and sanitation in the installation and maintenance of cars used in baggage, mail, or express-train service, with the following witnesses testifying for the bill: Hartman Barber, Robert Morgan, and John Creswell, Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees; and Harry See, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Gregory S. Prince, Association of American Railroads, testified in opposition.

CONTRACT AIR CARRIERS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 2449, to provide for regulation and licensing of contract air carriers by the CAB, receiving testimony from the following witnesses: H. B. McCoy, Department of Commerce; Edward Dumbauld, Department of Justice; Robert Ramspeck, Air Transport Association; Raymond A. Norden, president, accompanied by Mr. Montee, Seaboard & Western Airlines; Harry Meixell, National Aviation Trades Association; and Langdon P. Marvin, Jr., private individual.

WAR CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee concluded hearings on H. R. 4044, to amend the Trading With

the Enemy Act relative to setting up a commission to study and recommend to Congress types of claims which should be charged against enemy funds, and to provide further as to use of Japanese funds as immediate compensation for period of detention of civilian internees on American sovereign soil, after receiving testimony in opposition to the bill from Harry Haydon, American Legion; George Eric Rosden, an attorney of Washington; and Allen O'Gorman, an attorney of New York. Vicente Villamin, a correspondent for the Manila Bulletin, testified in support of the bill. William McCauley, Bureau of Employees' Compensation of the FSA, and Benedict English, State Department, testified for the information of the committee.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CIVIL RELIEF

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee met in executive session to consider S. 2257, to make the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act inapplicable to divorce proceedings. No announcement was made of action taken.

POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE BILLS APPROVED

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: In executive session the committee approved for reporting to the Senate the following bills:

Without amendment:

- S. J. Res. 210, to authorize commemorative stamp of golden anniversary of consolidation of five boroughs of New York City;
- H. J. Res. 339, to authorize issuance of special postagestamp series in honor of volunteer firemen;
- S. 2319, directing Census Bureau to make survey of physically handicapped citizens;

And H. R. 5112 (S. 2100), to amend Civil Service Retirement Act to give Members of Congress serving in war credit for continued service as Members of Congress for such period of military service;

And with amendment:

S. J. Res. 193, to grant free postage to members of armed forces while confined in military or naval hospital, and certain veterans under treatment; and

H. R. 1608, authorizing Postmaster General to contract for certain powerboat service in Alaska.

The committee also tentatively approved, with amendment, S. 784, to provide maternity leave for Government employees. A report will be delayed pending the preparation of an amendment to the bill.

EXPORT LICENSES

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Export Subcommittee met in executive session to consider unusual export-licensing activities. No announcement was made of action taken.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fourteen public bills, H. R. 6500-6513; eight private bills, H. R. 6514-6521; and three resolutions, H. Res. 589, H. J. Res. 399, and H. Con. Res. 197, were introduced. Pages 5624, 5653-5654

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 6500, Legislative branch appropriation bill, 1949

(H. Rept. 1906);

H. J. Res. 395, extending time for release, free of estate and gift taxes, of powers of appointment (H. Rept. 1907);

S. 657, authorizing credit of service as a cadet, midshipman, or aviation cadet for pay purposes (H. Rept.

S. 1525, providing transportation for certain Govern-

ment and other personnel (H. Rept. 1909);

H. R. 5181, authorizing Secretary of Army to exchange certain property with the city of Kearney, Nebr. (H. Rept. 1910);

H. R. 5608, changing the duty on fire hose from compound to an ad valorem basis (H. Rept. 1911);

H. R. 5612, providing for free importation of evergreen Christmas trees (H. Rept. 1912);

H. R. 5641, providing for free importation of salt

brine (H. Rept. 1913);

H. R. 5642, granting an easement for construction of a water main on lands of the U.S. naval air station, Alameda, Calif. (H. Rept. 1914);

H. R. 5758, to permit certain relatives to receive benefits of armed forces leave bonds of deceased veterans

(H. Rept. 1915);

H. R. 5836, authorizing Secretary of the Army to quitclaim a perpetual easement over certain lands adjacent to Fort Myers Army Airfield, Fla. (H. Rept. 1916);

H. R. 6242, continuing until June 30, 1949, the present suspension of import duties on scrap metals (H. Rept. 1917);

H. Res. 589, providing for 1 hour's debate on, and consideration of, H. R. 6419, omnibus rivers and harbors and flood-control bill (H. Rept. 1918);

H. R. 5965, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 relative to duties imposed on beverages (H. Rept. 1919);

Report on the Communist Party (80th Cong. 2d sess.) (H. Rept. 1920);

S. 1082, allowing credits to certain postal employees for establishing promotion eligibility (H. Rept. 1921);

S. 1305, defining notice requirements before public lands, reserved as power sites, are declared open to location for entry (H. Rept. 1922);

H. R. 2766, providing for transfer from one judicial district to another of jurisdiction over probationers, etc. (H. Rept. 1923);

H. R. 3402, to extend the authorized maturity date of certain bridge revenue bonds to be issued in connection with the refunding of the acquisition cost of the bridge across the Missouri River at Rulo, Nebr. (H. Rept.

H. R. 3883, transfer of vessel Hygiene to Territory of

Alaska (H. Rept. 1925);

H. R. 4032, to authorize delegation to Secretary of Navy of certain discretionary powers of the President (H. Rept. 1926);

H. R. 4114, authorizing certain expenditures from appropriations of the Public Health Service (H. Rept.

1927);

H. R. 4190, to amend section 506 of the General Bridge Act of 1946 by extending the amortization period for toll bridges from 20 to 30 years (H. Rept. 1928);

H. R. 4816, to provide a minimum allotment of \$250,-000 to each State for construction of hospitals (H. Rept.

H. R. 5283, to provide for disposal of surplus sand at

Fort Story, Va. (H. Rept. 1930);

H. R. 5509, authorizes Defense Homes Corporation to convey to Howard University certain D. C. lands (H. Rept. 1931);

H. R. 5750, providing for extension and improvement of post-office facilities at Los Angeles, Calif (H. Rept.

1932):

H. R. 5842, providing for acquisition of additional land along the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway in exchange for certain dredging privileges (H. Rept. 1933);

H. R. 5922, relating to the issuance of reentry permits

to certain Chinese residents (H. Rept. 1934);

H. R. 5889, extending privileges of title VI of the Public Health Service Act to the Virgin Islands (H. Rept. 1935);

H. R. 6208, providing for collection and publication of statistical information by the Bureau of the Census

(H. Rept. 1936);

H. R. 6275, exempting national service life insurance and U.S. Government life insurance from Federal estate tax (H. Rept. 1937);

H. R. 6293, providing that certain fees collected by the Archivist shall be available for disbursement in the interest of the National Archives (H. Rept. 1938);

H. R. 6339, amending the hospital survey and construction provisions of the Public Health Service Act so as to restore a State to eligibility to participate in Federal grants for hospital construction (H. Rept. 1939); and

Conference report on S. 2287, extending the life of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (H. Rept. 1940). Pages 5649, 5652-5653

Bills Referred: Thirteen Senate-passed bills, passed on Monday, May 10, were referred to appropriate committees. Pages 5651-5652

Powers of Appointment: Adopted H. J. Res. 395, extending the time for release, free of estate and gift tax, of powers of appointment.

National Defense: Adopted conference report (H. Rept. 1905), on H. R. 6226, making supplemental appropriations for national defense for fiscal year 1948, receded from its disagreement to Senate amendment No. 10, and agreed to same with an amendment providing a substitute section pertaining to renegotiation.

Government Corporations: Passed H. R. 6481, making appropriations for Government corporations and certain independent agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949. An attempt to amend the bill, by providing \$4 million for starting construction of an \$84 million steam plant for generating electricity at TVA, was defeated. As passed, the bill provides \$37,979,061, which amount is \$28,646,939 less than the 1948 appropriation and is \$16,665,039 below the budget estimate.

West Point: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 2359, providing for construction of a water-filtration plant on West Point Military Reservation, asked for a conference with the Senate, and Representatives Bates of Massachusetts, Arends, Cole of New York, Brooks, and Sasscer were appointed conferees. Page 5624

Interstate Carriers: By vote of 272 yeas to 53 nays the House passed, with sundry clarifying amendments, the Bulwinkle bill, H. R. 221, amending the Interstate Commerce Act with respect to certain agreements between carriers. Subsequently, by unanimous consent, a similar bill, S. 110, was taken from the Speaker's table and passed after the provisions of the House bill had been inserted as an amendment, following which the House bill was tabled. H. Res. 581, providing for consideration of the Bulwinkle bill, was previously adopted.

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Racing Shells: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 5933, providing for temporary free importation of racing shells, agreed to conference asked, and appointed Representatives Reed of New York, Woodruff, Gearhart, Doughton, and Cooper as conferees.

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Committee Meetings

NATIONAL LAND POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Albert S. Goss, master, and Dr. J. T. Sanders, legislative counsel, both of the National Grange, testified favorably, but suggested modifications, on H. R. 6054, to establish a long-range land XCIV-DD-22

policy and conservation program. Also testifying in favor of the bill were: State Senator W. R. Chambers, Brownwood, Tex.; John R. Butler, Middletown, Del.; Howard Warren, Georgetown, Del.; A. P. Atkins, president, Oklahoma Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors; Milton Branch, president, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors; Waters S. Davis, Jr., president-manager, Association of Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors; E. W. Norris, member of governing board of Soil Conservation District Supervisors, Alabama; Frank Gyberg, past president, Arizona Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors; S. W. Helken, president, Louisiana Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors; and R. D. Tisenger, vice president, Georgia Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ARMED SERVICES REPORTS

Committee on Armed Services: Agreed to report the following bills favorably to the House:

H. R. 5758, amending Armed Forces Leave Act to permit payments to surviving brothers and sisters, etc.;

S. 657, longevity credit for time spent in Service academies;

H. R. 5283, to provide for disposal of surplus sand at Fort Story, Va.;

H. R. 5642, easement at Alameda, Calif.; H. R. 5181, easement at Camp Kearney; H. R. 5836, easement at Fort Myers, Fla.;

H. R. 4032, to authorize delegation to Secretary of Navy of certain discretionary powers of the President;

S. 1723, to authorize appointment of cadets and midshipmen from Canada;

S. 1571, to increase the membership of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics;

H. R. 5882, amended, to authorize Army, Navy, and Air Force to donate surplus property for educational purposes;

H. R. 3883, amended, transfer of vessel Hygiene to

Territory of Alaska; and

S. 1525, amended, to provide transportation for certain Government and other personnel.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: At the public hearing on S. 866, T-E-W housing bill, and related measures to establish and carry out a national housing policy, Walter Alessendroni, chairman, American Legion national housing council, testified that the American-Legion took no position either for or against S. 866 as it stands, but offered, as an amendment, H. R. 4488, known as the Veterans' Homestead Act. If so amended, they would favor the bill.

"RIGHT TO WORK"

Committee on Education and Labor: Cecil B. DeMille, motion-picture producer, testified before this committee on its study of the subject "Right to work," and presented his suggestions and views. Also testifying was Senator O'Daniel, of Texas. A motion picture was shown in the committee room showing strike incidents in Detroit, Hollywood, and Milwaukee. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Senator Downey offered further testimony before the Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda which is investigating certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation. He is tentatively scheduled to continue tomorrow.

UN STRUCTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Resumed consideration of UN structure and relations between the United Nations and the United States and heard the testimony of Cord Meyer, Jr., Thomas K. Finletter, W. T. Holliday, and Harry B. Hollins, all United World Federalists. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TREATMENT CENTERS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Completed public hearings on H. R. 3934, with respect to venereal disease rapid-treatment centers, with testimony being received from Dr. John R. Heller, Jr., Chief of the Division of Venereal Diseases, Public Health Service, who appeared for the FSA; and Dr. George C. Ruhland, District Health Officer, and Irving Bryan, Assistant Corporation Counsel, who represented the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

PROBATIONERS—REENTRY PERMITS

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered the following bills favorably reported to the House:

H. R. 2766, amended, providing for transfer from one judicial district to another of jurisdiction over probationers, etc.;

H. R. 5922, relative to granting reentry permits to certain Chinese residents; and

Six private immigration bills (four Senate and two House bills).

The committee also authorized the chairman of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, Representative Fellows, to ask that the following bills be taken from the Speaker's desk for concurrence in the Senate amendments thereto: H. R. 1878, to deny admission to the United States of certain aliens deemed to endanger the public safety; and H. R. 5193, to amend the Nationality Act relative to naturalizing aliens who served in the armed forces during World War II.

FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The Youngblood subcommittee considered and approved for reporting to the full committee H. R. 4755, providing for the most expeditious transportation and delivery of firstclass mail. An amendment changing the rate of 15 cents to 20 cents for the first ounce of first-class mail for special-delivery service was adopted. The following witnesses were heard: Nelson B. Wentzel, Deputy Third Assistant, Office of Third Assistant Postmaster General; Robert S. Burgess, Deputy Second Assistant Postmaster General in Charge of Air Postal Transport; and George L. Warfel, president, National Association of Special Delivery Messengers. Statement was also received from Robert Ramspeck, executive vice president, Air Transport Association of America.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

Committee on Public Works: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 3402, to extend the authorized maturity date of certain bridge revenue bonds to be issued in connection with the refunding of the acquisition cost of the bridge across the Missouri River at Rulo, Nebr.;

S. 1305, to amend section 24 of the Federal Power Act so as to provide that the States may apply for reservation of portions of power sites released for entry, location, or selection to the States for highway purposes;

H. R. 4190, to amend section 506 of the General Bridge Act of 1946 by extending the amortization period for toll bridges from 20 to 30 years;

H. R. 5842, to provide for the acquisition of additional land along the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway in exchange for certain dredging privileges, and for other purposes;

H. R. 5509, amended, to authorize Defense Homes Corporation to convey to Howard University certain lands in the District of Columbia; and

H. R. 5750, amended, to provide for the extension and improvement of post-office facilities at Los Angeles, Calif.

HOME RULE—RIVERS AND HARBORS

Committee on Rules: Heard Representatives Dirksen and Auchincloss in favor of, and Abernethy, Davis of Georgia, Harris, and O'Hara in opposition to, a resolution providing consideration for H. R. 6227, a bill to provide for home rule and reorganization in the District of Columbia. No action was taken on the resolution.

Reported H. Res. 589, providing 1 hour's general debate on, and waiving points of order against, H. R. 6419, omnibus rivers and harbors and flood-control bill for 1948. Mr. Dondero was heard in favor of the resolution.

PROSTHETIC APPLIANCES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full committee, in open session, witnessed a demonstration of prosthetic appliances given by 15 amputees under the direction of the advisory committee on artificial limbs of the National Research Council.

Joint Committee Meetings

ECONOMIC REPORT AND CONSUMER PRICES

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: In executive session the committee gave its final approval to the draft of a report on consumer prices made in pursuance of S. Con. Res. 19, to investigate consumer-goods prices. Printed copies of this report will be available for the public next week.

The committee's report on the President's economic report was also considered, but final action was held over until a later date. Committee meets again tomorrow.

FOREIGN ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Joint Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation: Committee met in executive session to study the foreign economic cooperation program.

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee met in executive session with members of the AEC to consider fiscal matters of the Commission. Meets again tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D333)

S. 1132, amending Shipping Act relative to officer of a corporation authorized to execute sale or conveyance of a vessel. Signed May 10, 1948 (P. L. 518); and

H. R. 6055, first deficiency appropriations bill for 1948. Signed May 10, 1948 (P. L. 519).

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate on educational compact bill.

House debated executive department information bill and adopted conference report on RFC extension.

Senate groups approved bills on Agriculture appropriations, long-range farm program, and resolution to investigate foot-and-mouth disease.

Bills on synthetic fuels and fur identification ordered reported by House committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2655 to S. 2665.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2655, Selective Training and Service Act of 1948 (S. Rept. 1268);

S. 1445, State compact over division of waters of the Snake River, with amendment (S. Rept. 1269);

S. 2346, distribution of funds from receipts of the Colorado River development fund to States of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming (S. Rept. 1270);

H. R. 3635, ratifying joint resolution by Legislature of Hawaii on sale of public lands for homesteads (S. Rept. 1271);

H. R. 5122, permitting increase of tax on assessed valuation of lands in Alaska (S. Rept. 1272);

H. R. 4461, to approve performance in the field of certain functions relating to public lands, with amendments (S. Rept. 1273);

S. 1987, to authorize construction of Preston Bench project, Idaho (S. Rept. 1274);

H. J. Res. 339, to authorize issuance of special postagestamp series in honor of volunteer firemen (S. Rept. 1275):

S. Res. 223, to authorize the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry to conduct an investigation of the foot-and-mouth disease problems in neighboring countries, with amendments (S. Rept. 1276);

S. 1386, authorizing modification in repayment contracts for lower Yellowstone irrigation districts 1 and 2, with amendments (S. Rept. 1277);

S. 2254, land transfer in Fort Robinson Military Reservation, Crawford, Nebr., with amendments (S. Rept. 1278);

S. 2508, to increase salary of Coordinator of Federal Agencies in Puerto Rico (S. Rept. 1279);

H. R. 3344, transferring small area in Alaska from Anchorage land district to that of Fairbanks (S. Rept. 1280);

H. R. 5175, relative to issuance of public improvement bonds by Hawaii (S. Rept. 1281);

S. 1747, to authorize credit in certain accounts of U. S. property and disbursing officers under the War Department, with amendments (S. Rept. 1282);

H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations for 1949, with amendments (S. Rept. 1283).

Bills Referred: Two House-passed bills, passed on May 11, were referred to appropriate committees.

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Carrier Agreements: A conference was requested on S. 110, amending ICC Act relative to agreements between carriers, and Senators Reed, Hawkes, Capehart, Johnson, and Myers were appointed as conferees.

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Educational Compact: Senate continued debate on H. J. Res. 334, compact on regional education entered into between the Southern States, with Senator Morse's motion to refer the resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary pending.

Consent was obtained for vote tomorrow at 4 p. m. on the Morse motion, with 30 minutes to be controlled by Senator Morse and 3 hours and 30 minutes by Senator Holland.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM—FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: In executive session, committee voted to report, with amendments, S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program.

It also approved for reporting S. Res. 223, to authorize the committee to conduct an investigation of the footand-mouth disease problems in neighboring countries.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: In executive session, committee voted to report H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations for 1949. As approved, the bill would appropriate \$580,270,278, an increase of \$34,736,825 over the House-approved figure. The budget estimates, on which these appropriations are based, total \$636,412,090; as it passed the House it would appropriate \$545,533,453.

SUPPLEMENTAL FEDERAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued its hearings on H. R. 6355, supplemental appropriations for Federal Security Agency, 1949, receiving testimony from General Taylor and Ralph Lavers, employment director of American Legion, and Max F. Baer, National Vocational Guidance Association, on employment offices; Nathan E. Cowan, legislative director, CIO, and Frank Donner, assistant general counsel, on employees rider; Nelson H. Cruikshank, AFL, on social security; and Spencer H. Crookes, Child Welfare

League of America, and Mrs. C. D. Lowe, Parent-Teachers Association, on Childrens Bureau.

Arthur J. Altmeyer, Commissioner for Social Security; I. S. Falk, Social Security Administrator; and J. Donald Kingsley, acting Federal Security Administrator, were called back to answer questions in reply to charges made by outside witnesses.

INTERNAL REVENUE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee reopened and concluded hearings on H. R. 5770, Treasury-Post Office appropriations, receiving testimony from A. L. M. Wiggins, Under Secretary of the Treasury, and George J. Schoeneman, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, accompanied by their immediate subordinates, in support of an additional \$27,323,000 for salaries and expenses for the Bureau of Internal Revenue for 1949.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—INSURANCE, PARKING, AND HOSPITALS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Public Utilities heard various witnesses in support of the bills on which they testified, respectively, as follows: On S. 2598, to permit certain investments of funds of insurance companies, Eugene Black, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; Thomas J. Lynch, general counsel, U. S. Treasury, and National Advisory Council; Irving Bryan, Assistant D. C. Corporation Counsel; and Mr. Marbury, Acacia Life Insurance Co., appeared; on S. 2642, to amend the D. C. Motor Vehicle Parking Act relative to off-street parking, Irving Bryan, Assistant Corporation Counsel, D. C.; George Keneipp, D. C. Vehicles and Traffic; and P. Y. K. Howatt, Parking Agency Committee, appeared; and on S. 2643, compensation payment of liens to hospitals, Irvii ; Bryan, Assistant D. C. Corporation Counsel, testified.

UN AND COLLECTIVE SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met again in executive session to continue its work on the draft of a United Nations and collective security resolution, but failed to reach a final agreement.

The chairman announced after the meeting that the resolution emphasizes the utility of regional arrangements with respect to collective security in terms of the UN Charter and as involving our own national security. It would be of encouragement, he stated, if adopted, in that it underscores for the first time the utility of those sections of the charter with respect to collective security and would obviously suggest that the action taken at Rio de Janeiro symbolizes the possibilities in many other directions. He pointed out that it was a peace effort and would be confined exclusively to supplementing self-help. He continued that what the resolution substantially involves is subject to agreements which would be subjected to our constitutional processes; it would not

be a committal. He declared that no one could spell out the prospectus of the regional arrangements involved. Committee adjourned subject to call of the chair.

COLORADO WATER RIGHTS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. J. Res. 145, to authorize commencement of an action by the U. S. to determine interstate water rights in the Colorado River system, and received opposition testimony to the bill from Senators McFarland and Johnson (Colo.) and Mrs. Nellie T. Bush, Parker, Ariz. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FM AND TELEVISION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Committee held hearings on the general subject of FM and television and received testimony from Dr. E. H. Armstrong, inventor of FM; Dr. Charles B. Jolliffee, executive vice president in charge of RCA laboratory division, Radio Corp. of America; Conway T. Coe, vice president, RCA; John T. Cahill, general counsel for RCA; and Frank Russell, NBC, Washington. Hearings continue tomorrow.

CUSTOMS COURT NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee received testimony in support of the nomination of Paul Rao,

to be judge of the U. S. Customs Court, from Judges Finis J. Garrett, Charles S. Hatfield, Oscar E. Bland (retired), and Irving J. Lenroot (retired), all of U. S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals; Webster J. Oliver, Charles D. Lawrence, and William J. Keefe (retired), all of the U. S. Court of Customs; Albert MacC. Barnes, president of Customs Bar; George R. Tuttle, customs attorney; and Henry Ward Beer, Federal Bar Association of New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

FLORIDA FLOOD CONTROL

Committee on Public Works: In hearings on S. 2197, authorizing construction of comprehensive plan for flood control in central and southern Florida, Subcommittee on Flood Control received testimony in support of the bill from the following witnesses: Senators Holland and Pepper; Gov. Millard Caldwell; Representatives Peterson, Rogers, Price, and Smathers; Harold Colee, Florida State Chamber of Commerce; Earle Rader, Dade County engineer; Preston Bird, member of Dade County Commission; John Burwell, and H. M. Forman, both of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. All of the witnesses urged the enactment of the bill, stressing that the project was vital and necessary. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fifteen public bills, H. R. 6522-6536; nine private bills, H. R. 6537-6545; and six resolutions, H. Res. 590-594, and H. J. Res. 400, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. Res. 590, providing consideration of and 1 hour's general debate on H. R. 2588, requiring use of Government-owned motor vehicles in delivery of mail under certain conditions (H. Rept. 1941);

H. Res. 591, providing consideration of and 1 hour's general debate on S. 1006, increasing the acreage of sodium leases which may be issued to a person, association, or corporation (H. Rept. 1942);

H. R. 6110, permitting the landing of halibut by Canadian fishing vessels at Alaskan ports (H. Rept. 1943);

H. R. 6489, providing for temporary free importation of lead (H. Rept. 1944);

Two private bills: H. R. 5716 and 6220 (H. Repts. 1945 and 1946, respectively);

H. R. 5882, authorize the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force to donate surplus property for educational purposes (H. Rept. 1947); H. R. 6318, amending Standard Time Act, relating to placing a certain portion of Idaho in the third time zone (H. Rept. 1948); and

S. 1979, authorizing studies of hard-shell and soft-shell clams (H. Rept. 1949).

Housing Committee: Adopted H. Con. Res. 197, authorizing continuance of Joint Committee on Housing until July 15, 1948.

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Committee Resignation: Received resignation of Representative Peden from the Committee on Public Lands.

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Committee Elections: Adopted H. Res. 592, electing Representative Peden to the Committee on Agriculture. Also adopted H. Res. 593, electing Representatives

Williams and Whitaker to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

Executive Information: After consuming more than 3 hours of general debate on H. J. Res. 342, executive department information bill, the measure was read for amendments. After adopting sundry amendments, the committee postponed further action.

Pages 5704-5743

RFC: Adopted conference report on S. 2287, amending the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, as

amended. The conference report extends the life of the RFC until 1956, the last 2 years for liquidation purposes. It also retains the Federal National Mortgage Association.

Pages 5744-5746

House Manual: Adopted H. Res. 594, authorizing printing of a revised edition of the House Rules and Manual as a House document, and that 1,600 additional copies be printed for the use of the House of Representatives for the Eighty-first Congress.

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Merchant Marine Bills: Agreed to Senate amendments to the following bills, thus clearing them for Presidential action:

H. R. 3350, amending navigation rules applied to inland waterways and western rivers to provide greater safety and prevent conflict with Gulf Intracoastal Waterway rules;

H. R. 3505, authorizing an appropriation for rehabilitation of oyster beds in Mississippi and Louisiana; and

H. R. 4892, relative to retirement pay of officers who have served as assistant commandants or engineers in chief of the U. S. Coast Guard.

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Committee Meetings

NATIONAL LAND POLICY—FERTILIZER

Committee on Agriculture: At the hearings on H. R. 6054, to establish a long-range land policy and conservation program, the committee heard the further testimony of Albert S. Goss, master, and Dr. J. T. Sanders, legislative counsel, both of the National Grange; and D. W. Williams, vice president, Texas A. and M. College; Robert F. Smith, Walnut Ridge, Ark.; and John L. Tarburton, Kent County, Del.; all of whom favored the legislation, but with modifications. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Subcommittee on Fertilizer met to consider the current solid nitrogen fertilizer situation and heard the following witnesses: W. T. Hart, chairman, Fertilizer Section, Department of Commerce; M. A. Hubbard, executive secretary, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation; B. D. Cloaninger, head, department of fertilizer, Clemson Agricultural College, South Carolina; S. B. Jacques, assistant general counsel, Office of Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce; L. G. Porter, Fertilizer Division, Production and Marketing Administration, Agriculture Department; and D. S. Coltrane, Commissioner of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

INDUSTRIAL RESERVES—HOSPITALIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: The Organization Subcommittee considered H. R. 6098, National Industrial Reserve Act of 1948, and agreed to report the bill favorably to the full committee. Witnesses at this hearing were: Jess Larson, War Assets Administration; Stuart W. Cramer, Deputy Chairman, Munitions Board; and W. E. Reynolds, Public Buildings Commissioner, Federal Works Agency.

The Hospitalization Subcommittee considered S. 1470, the care and treatment of members of the National Guard and Organized Reserves, and H. R. 5983, to remove present restriction on appointments to Navy Medical Service Corps. Both of these measures were approved for reporting to the full committee. Witnesses appearing on S. 1470 were: W. C. Lewis, executive director, Air Reserve Association; Col. William Brown, Jr., Department of the Army; and Col. T. B. Whitehouse, Department of the Air Force. Testifying on H. R. 5983 were Commander David L. Martineau and Capt. Ira H. Nunn, both of the Department of the Navy.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: John C. Williamson, representing VFW, testified in favor of S. 866, T-E-W housing bill, and related measures to establish and carry out a national housing policy, proposing some amendments but opposing the inclusion of H. R. 4488, Veterans' Homestead Act, as an amendment. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., representing the American Veterans Committee, advocated passage of all programs provided in the bill.

INSURANCE

Committee on the District of Columbia: The Subcommittee on Public Utilities, Insurance, and Banking reviewed several D. C. insurance bills but took no action. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

"RIGHT TO WORK"

Committee on Education and Labor: Concluded the hearings on the subject "Right to work" with Donald R. Richberg, attorney, Washington, D. C. and Maurice R. Franks, director and editor, National Labor-Management Foundation, testifying.

PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda, which is investigating certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California, heard the further testimony of Senator Downey. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UN STRUCTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: John Foster Dulles, Republican expert on foreign affairs; Owen J. Roberts, former Justice of the Supreme Court; Samuel R. Levering, Society of Friends; and Clarence K. Streit, president of Federal Union, Inc., testified at this committee's hearings on the UN structure and relations between the United States and the United Nations. Hearing continues tomorrow.

AIRPORT-SYNTHETIC FUEL-FURS-RESEARCH

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in executive session and took the following action:

To request the concurrence of the House in Senate amendments on H. R. 3510, to operate a public airport in Alaska;

Introduce, and report favorably in the House, clean bills in lieu of H. R. 5475, to promote production of synthetic liquid fuels to prevent national shortage of petroleum, and H. R. 3734, to protect fur handlers from improper identification of fur products and articles made from fur; and

Also ordered reported favorably to the House, H. R. 3934, with respect to venereal disease rapid-treatment centers, and H. R. 6470, providing for research relating to dental diseases and conditions.

JUDGES—INVESTIGATIONS—EQUAL RIGHTS— PATENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 1 ordered reported favorably to the full committee:

S. 1052, to fix the salaries of certain justices and judges of the Territory of Hawaii;

H. J. Res. 378, to limit the operation of sections 109 and 113 of the Criminal Code, and sections 361, 365, and 366 of the Revised Statutes and certain other provisions of law (with respect to counsel serving under H. Res. 196 and H. Res. 489 (80th Cong.), investigations by House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments);

H. J. Res. 397, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women; and

H. R. 5611, amended, to provide for the appointment of one additional district judge for the eastern district of Pennsylvania.

Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights heard the following witnesses in connection with H. R. 6216, to correct possible inequities in the case of a certain application for letters of patent to William R. Blair: Representative Auchincloss; Harry M. Saragovitz, patent counsel, Legal Division, Signal Corps, Department of the Army; Col. George W. Gardes, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Army; and Roy C. Hackley, Jr., Department of Justice.

Subcommittee on Claims agreed to report favorably to the full committee 35 private claims bills, and report adversely 2 private claims bills.

MERCHANT MARINE

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Frazer A. Bailey, president, National Federation of American Shipping, Inc., testified in support of H. J. Res. 398, stimulating the building and operation of a balanced

merchant marine to meet commercial and national defense requirements. Hearings continue tomorrow.

HAWAIIAN POSTAL WORKERS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The Vursell subcommittee considered and approved for reporting to the full committee with an amendment H. R. 1876, providing that postal employees in Hawaii shall receive a salary 25 percent higher than that of employees in the United States.

PUERTO RICO

Committee on Public Lands: Resident Commissioner Fernós-Isern, of Puerto Rico, and Irwin W. Silverman, Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of Interior, testified in favor of H. R. 6502, a bill amending the Organic Act of Puerto Rico, relative to trade restrictions on exports and imports between Puerto Rico and the United States. The bill was ordered reported favorably to the full committee.

SODIUM LEASES—AIR MAIL

Committee on Rules: Reported H. Res. 591 providing 1 hour's general debate on S. 1006, amending the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, so as to increase the acreage of sodium leases which may be issued in any State to a person, association, or corporation. Appearing in favor of the resolution were Representatives Crawford, Dawson, and Schwabe of Oklahoma.

Reported H. Res. 590, providing I hour's general debate on H. R. 2588, a bill requiring all mails consigned to an airport from a post office or branch, or from an airport to a post office or branch, within a radius of 35 miles of a city in which there has been established a Government-owned vehicle service to be delivered by Government-owned motor vehicles. Heard in favor of the bill were Representatives Rees, Youngblood, Murray of Tennessee, and Sadlak. Representative Buck of New York opposed the bill, but favored the resolution.

VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held executive session of full committee at which various pending measures were discussed. No final action was taken.

TAXATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session and considered proposals to its general tax revision program. Meets again tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee met in executive session with members of the AEC and Eric

Nicol, its recently appointed director of organization and personnel, to consider personnel matters of the Commission.

CREDIT POLICIES

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: Allen Sproul, president, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, appeared before the committee in open hearings to discuss Federal credit policies. Committee continues tomorrow.

D. C. SALES TAX

Joint Meeting: Fiscal Affairs Subcommittees of the House and Senate District of Columbia Committees held hearings on S. 843, to provide for D. C. sales tax, and received testimony from the following witnesses in support of the bill: John Russell Young, Guy Mason, Gen. Gordon Young, Walter Fowler, Vernon E. West, and Edward Dent, D. C. Commissioners and officials; General McCoach, and Jo Morgan, Board of Trade; A. Graham Shields, oil heating division, and Patrick A. Deck, coal division, both of Merchants and Manufacturers' Association; Mrs. Leslie Wright, Forest Hills Citizens Association; Mrs. Frances Klafter, Washington Committee for Consumers Protection; and Miss

Etta Taggart, attorney.

Testifying against the bill were: Charles E. Sands, bartenders union (AFL); Mrs. Gertrude Evans, Washington Industrial Union Council (CIO); a representative of Local 471, Cafeteria Workers (CIO); Mrs. Minnie Frost Rands, Peoples Party; and Miss Helen Shoenic, Local 209, Cooks, Pastry, and Kitchen Employees.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D339)

S. 1611, extending time for completion of bridge across Sauk Rapids, Minn. Signed May 11, 1948 (P. L. 520);

S. 1648, authorizing expenditures of income from Federal Industries, Inc., for training of Federal prisoners.

Signed May 11, 1948 (P. L. 521); and

S. J. Res. 198, to authorize the Postmaster General to withhold the awarding of star-route contracts for a period of 60 days. Signed May 11, 1948 (P. L. 522).

Thursday, May 13, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate put aside consideration of educational compact bill.

House passed legislative appropriation and executive department information

Senate groups approved bills on WAA-Bureau of Supply and CIA, rejected bill on natural gas, and approved resolutions on election expenditures and on election of Senator O'Conor.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 5777-5780

Bills Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2666 to S. 2674; S. J. Res. 215; and S. Res. 234. Pages 5757, 5778

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 234, declaring that Herbert R. O'Conor is the duly elected Senator from Maryland for term of 6 years commencing January 3, 1947 (S. Rept. 1284);

S. J. Res. 210, to authorize commemorative stamp of golden anniversary of consolidation of five boroughs

of New York City (S. Rept. 1285);

H. R. 1608, authorizing Postmaster General to contract for certain powerboat service in Alaska (S. Rept. 1286);

S. 2547, to amend the Standard Time Act relative to placing a certain portion of the State of Idaho in the third time zone, with amendment (S. Rept. 1287);

H. R. 3578, reducing the area of Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Mass. (S. Rept. 1288); S. 1504, private bill (S. Rept. 1289);

H. R. 183, transfer of lot in Fairbanks, Alaska (S.

Rept. 1290);

H. R. 3633, to amend Hawaiian Homes Commission Act designating certain public lands as available home lands (S. Rept. 1291);

H. R. 3954, approving Act 74 of Hawaiian Legislature relative to public bonds (S. Rept. 1292);

H. R. 4091, ratifying an act of Hawaii, 1947 (S. Rept.

1293); and

H. R. 4823, providing school facilities at Yellowstone National Park (S. Rept. 1294). Pages 5757, 5778 Bill Referred: One House-passed bill, passed on May 12, was referred to appropriate committee. Page 5778

RFC Extension: Senate adopted conference report on S. 2287, to extend the powers of the RFC to 1954, plus 2 years for liquidation purposes, thus clearing the bill for the President's signature.

Pages 5753-5758

Racing Shells: Conference report on H. R. 5933, relative to duty-free import of racing shells for preparation of the Olympic games, was adopted, thus clearing the bill for the President's signature.

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Educational Compact: By vote of 38 yeas to 37 nays, H. J. Res. 334, compact on regional education entered into between the Southern States, was, on motion of Senator Morse, referred to Committee on the Judiciary. This action, in effect, terminates further consideration of this proposed legislation by the Senate for the time being.

Pages 5758-5777

Army-Civil Functions Appropriations: Senate moved to consider H. R. 5524, Army-civil functions appropriation bill, and then temporarily laid it aside to consider nominations.

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Confirmations: On call of Executive Calendar, Senator Tydings moved that the nomination of Jess Larson, Oklahoma, to be WAA Administrator, be recommitted to Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments. After debate, it was agreed that vote on this motion would be taken tomorrow at 1 p. m.

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Nominations: Two civilian and nineteen Marine Corps nominations were received, together with one post-master withdrawal.

Pages 5791-5792

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN ECONOMIC AID

Committee on Appropriations: Committee opened hearings on proposed appropriations for foreign economic aid, with Paul Hoffman, ECA Administrator, and his assistants, giving the subcommittee a résumé of plans of the ECA program and of existing conditions in Europe. No bill is pending before the subcommittee at this time, but the hearings are being held to expedite action on these appropriations after the House has passed such a bill. Hearings are also being held on this same subject at this time by the House Committee on Appropriations.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

CIA AND ARMED FORCES NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: In executive session, after receiving testimony from Admiral Roscoe Hillen-koetter, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the committee voted to approve a new bill with reference to CIA (new bill to be introduced and reported within next few days).

It considered S. 1797, advancement of certain naval officers, and voted to report in lieu of S. 1797 a new private bill (to be introduced) to cover the promotion of a specific officer.

It also approved for reporting:

S. 2592, return of certain lands to Puerto Rico;

S. 2593, on easement of land at Pungo, Va.;

H. R. 5870, to provide additional allowances for escort of war dead; and

S. 2251, donating recreational park to Great Lakes, Ill. Various other bills were considered but a vote was held over until a later date.

Approximately 1,200 Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force nominations were approved, including 379 Naval Academy graduates to the rank of ensign.

WAA AND BUREAU OF SUPPLY

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: In executive session, the committee approved a bill (to be introduced and reported) transferring the WAA, an independent agency, the Bureau of Federal Supply, and the Office of Contract Settlement, both of the Treasury Department, to the FWA. As approved, the bill would establish within the FWA a Bureau of Surplus Property and a Bureau of Federal Supply to centralize all procurement for the Government and the disposition of all surplus property held by the Government.

The committee, before approving the bill, made various changes in the draft of the proposal as submitted to the committee by the FWA. The committee proposes to retain priorities and public benefit allowances on transfer of surplus properties to States and their subdivisions, and public institutions for educational and health purposes; it also adopted a compromise, agreed to by the Military Establishment, with respect to the manner in which the Military Establishment might be exempted from central procurement in cases of emergency.

COLORADO WATER RIGHTS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. J. Res. 145, to authorize commencement of an action by the U. S. to determine interstate water rights in the Colorado River system, with Senator Malone testifying in support of the bill and Senator Hayden testifying against it. Northcutt Ely, Colorado River Board of California, continued his testimony from May 10, in support of the bill. Hearings continue tomorrow.

NATURAL GAS AND FPC NOMINATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: By a vote of 9 to 4, the committee, in executive session, refused to report, in effect defeated, H. R. 4051, to amend the Natural Gas Act relative to jurisdiction of the FPC fixing rates for sale of natural gas in interstate commerce.

The nomination of Thomas Buchanan to be a member of FPC was referred to a subcommittee for further study. The chairman appointed Senators Capehart (chairman), Hawkes, and McMahon to serve as the subcommittee.

FM AND TELEVISION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Committee continued hearings on the general subject of FM and television, receiving further testimony from Dr. E. H. Armstrong, inventor of FM, and John T. Cahill, general counsel for RCA. Paul A. DeMars, consulting engineer of Washington, also testified.

DISTRICT JUDGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Senator Hoey appeared before the subcommittee to testify in support of the nomination of Wilson Warlick to be judge of the western district of North Carolina.

FLORIDA FLOOD CONTROL

Committee on Public Works: Continuing hearings on S. 2197, authorizing construction of comprehensive plan for flood control in central and southern Florida, the subcommittee received testimony from the following witnesses, all of whom urged the enactment of the bill: Ralph Kurtz, mayor of Fort Myers, Fla.; L. S. Remsberg, Board of Broward County Commissioners, Fort Lauderdale; Irlo Bronson, Florida Flood Control Committee, and president of State Cattleman's Association; J. O. Pearce, cattleman of Okeechobee; R. Y. Patterson, Clewiston, Fla.; George R. Slaton and J. O. Brendla,

Broward County Drainage District; Jim Beardsley, W. Dewey Hilsabeck, and Lamar Johnson, Everglades Drainage Board, West Palm Beach; F. C. Elliott, Internal Improvement Fund, Tallahassee; and W. Turner Wallis and Ralph Blank, Palm Beach County Resources Development Board. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SENATE MANUAL, ELECTION EXPENDITURES, AND MARYLAND SENATORIAL ELECTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee approved a resolution providing for the preparation and printing of the Senate Rules and Manual for the use of the Eighty-first Congress.

It also approved S. Res. 233, increasing by \$100,000 the limit of expenditures for Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections, to enable it to continue its duties under subsection (0) (1) (D) of rule XXV of the standing rules of the Senate, including the function formerly delegated in previous election years to special committees to investigate campaign expenditures.

The committee unanimously adopted its Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections report on the 1946 Maryland senatorial election contest, and unanimously approved a resolution declaring Herbert R. O'Conor the duly elected Senator of Maryland for the term of 6 years commencing January 3, 1947.

EXPORT LICENSES

Special Committee To Study the Problems of American Small Business: Export Subcommittee met again in executive session to consider unusual export licensing activities, but made no announcement of action taken.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twelve public bills, H. R. 6546-6557; six private bills, H. R. 6558-6563; and six resolutions, H. J. Res. 401 and 402, and H. Con. Res. 198-201, were introduced.

Pages 5823, 5824-5825

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Conference report on H. R. 5933, providing temporary free importation of racing shells and additional personal exemption under customs laws (H. Rept. 1950);

S. 1723, to authorize the appointment of cadets and midshipmen from Canada (H. Rept. 1951);

S. 1571, to promote the national defense by increasing the membership of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (H. Rept. 1952);

Four private bills: S. 188, 511, 1451, and 1637 (H. Repts. 1953-1956, respectively);

H. R. 6441, creating Board of Postal Rates and Fees in the Post Office Department (H. Rept. 1957); and Report on air-mail subsidy (H. Rept. 1958).

Pages 5795, 5824

Cleared for President: Agreed to Senate amendments to the following four bills, thus clearing them for Presidential action:

H. R. 6067, amendatory repayment contract, Northport irrigation district, Nebraska;

H. R. 4966, directing Secretary of Interior to sell and lease certain houses, apartments, and lands in Boulder City, Nev.;

H. R. 5669, providing for adjustment of irrigation charges on Flathead Indian irrigation project, Montana; and

H. R. 1308, a private bill.

Pages 5793-5794, 5795

Legislative Appropriations: Passed by voice vote, H. R. 6500, the legislative branch appropriation bill for

1949. As passed, the bill appropriates \$55,859,690, which is \$3,246,059 less than the 1948 appropriation and is \$5,327,930 below the budget estimate. Agencies covered by this measure are the Senate, House of Representatives, Capitol Police, Office of Legislative Counsel, Architect of the Capitol; Botanic Garden, Library of Congress, and the Government Printing Office.

Pages 5795-5807

Racing Shells: Adopted conference report on H. R. 5933, providing for temporary free importation of racing shells and additional personal exemption under customs laws.

Pages 5795, 5806-5807

Executive Department Information: Resumed consideration of, and adopted by a vote of 219 yeas to 142 nays, H. J. Res. 342, directing all executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government to make available to congressional committees information deemed necessary to enable them to properly perform the duties delegated to them by Congress. Adopted sundry perfecting amendments and an amendment designed to prevent Government officials from taking State papers and documents with them upon leaving the Government service.

Pages 5807-5822

Rereferral: Authorized rereferral of the bill, H. R. 6446, granting a certain parcel of land in St. Louis County, Minn., to the title of Minnesota from the Committee on Public Lands to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

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Inland Waterways: Adopted H. Con. Res. 200, authorizing Clerk of the House to make corrections in the enrollment of the bill H. R. 3350.

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Bermuda: Adopted H. Con. Res. 201, authorizing Speaker of the House to accept invitation of Speaker of House of Assembly of Bermuda and Joint President of Bermuda Branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association; also to appoint four Members to attend such meeting.

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Inauguration Ceremonies: Pursuant to provisions of S. Con. Res. 48, authorizing a joint committee for arrangements for inauguration of President-elect, to be held on January 20, 1949, Representatives Halleck, Arends, and McCormack, were appointed to the committee on the part of the House.

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Committee Meetings

NATIONAL LAND POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Heard the following opposition witnesses to H. R. 6054, to establish a long-range land policy and conservation program: E. Howard Hill, president, Iowa Farm Bureau; Herman Praeger, president, Kansas Farm Bureau; Ben Huseby, vice president, Minnesota Farm Bureau; and Floyd E. Morris, vice president, Illinois Agricultural Association. Hearings continue tomorrow.

AGRICULTURE COMMODITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Procurement Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 2376, to provide a revolving fund to purchase agricultural commodities for processing in occupied areas. Witnesses testifying were: Representatives Fisher and Pace; Senator Eastland; Norris E. Dodd, Under Secretary of Agriculture; J. M. Jones, Wool Growers Association; and Army representatives. No action was taken and further consideration was postponed until May 19.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: At the hearings on S. 866, T-E-W housing bill, and related measures to establish and carry out a national housing policy, the following proponent witnesses testified: Bernard Weitzer, representing Jewish War Veterans, USA; Willard I. Shattuck, national housing committee, AMVETS; and Mayor Frank Zeidler, Milwaukee, Wis., and Mayor Eugene I. VanAntwerp, Detroit, Mich. The two mayors also gave their views on the general housing conditions in their respective cities.

FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Public Service, Streets, and Traffic considered H. R. 6452, relative to posting firemen and policemen on licensed premises for protection of public safety, and H. R. 6533, providing increased pensions for widows and children of deceased and retired members of the police and fire departments. No action was taken on H. R. 5047, increasing annual salaries of the Metropolitan Police, U. S. Park Police, the White House Police, and members of the Fire Department \$800 a year. Testifying today were Irving Bryan, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Corporal Nielson, Firemen's Association; Capt. C. H. Lutz and Lt. H. C. Blackman, both representing the Policemen's Association; Capt. C. M. P. Lord (retired), legislative representative, Retired Policemen's Association; Mrs. Ernest Howard, legislative representative, ladies' auxiliary, Fire Department; W. Fry, president, Retired Firemen's Association; Horace Lineburg, chairman, legislative committee, Police and Fire Post 29, American Legion; and Mr. Redmond, president, and George Richardson, secretary, both of International Fire Fighters Association.

SURPLUS-PROPAGANDA

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Surplus Property heard Jess Larson, Administrator, WAA, in its consideration of permanent legislation for disposal of surplus property. Meets again tomorrow.

Representative Elliott testified before the Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda which is investigating charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UN STRUCTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ely Culbertson, author and bridge expert, New York City; Anson McCook, chairman, foreign relations committee, American Legion; William L. Batt, Sr., president, SKF Industries, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Robert J. Bishop, vice president, U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, testified at the hearings on the UN structure and relations between the United States and the United Nations. Hearings continue tomorrow.

DISEASE RESEARCH

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Opened hearings on H. R. 977, 3257, and 3464, related bills on the establishment of an independent Medical Research Agency to initiate, conduct, and support scientific research with respect to cancer, poliomyelitis, and other degenerative diseases. Witnesses testifying were Dr. L. A. Scheele, U. S. Surgeon General; Dr. Deller Bronk, chairman, National Research Council, Washington, D. C.; Dr. John L. Bowers, Chief of Medical Section, Division of Biology and Medicine, Atomic Energy Commission; Claus W. Jungeblatt, professor of biochemistry, Columbia University, New York City; Representative Stevenson, sponsor of H. R. 977; and three representatives from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc.: Joseph W. Savage, executive director; Hart E. Van Riper, medical director; and John J. O'Connor, attorney, Washington, D. C. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ADMIRALTY SUITS—JUDGES—ALIENS

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported favorably to the House:

H. R. 4873, to extend the time limit within which certain suits in admiralty may be brought against the United States;

H. J. Res. 378, to limit the operation of sections 109 and 113 of the Criminal Code, and sections 361, 365, 366 of the Revised Statutes, and certain other provisions of law, insofar as they pertain to the counsel to the House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments; and

H. R. 5611, amended, to provide for the appointment of one additional district judge for the eastern district of Pennsylvania. The amendment was to strike out section 2 of the bill and add a proviso to the effect that the first vacancy occurring in said district shall not be filled.

Thirty-five private claims bills were ordered favorably reported, and two private claims bills were tabled.

It was agreed that a conference would be requested on H. R. 3566, recently passed by the Senate, with amendments. The bill proposes to amend subsection (c) of section 19 of the Immigration Act of 1917 (to give the Attorney General additional discretion with respect to suspension of deportation of certain classes of aliens, etc.).

The committee voted not to report S. 1052, to fix the salaries of certain justices and judges of the Territory of Hawaii.

MERCHANT MARINE

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: W. B. Garner, executive vice president, Waterman Steamship Corp., and George W. Morgan, president, Association of American Ship Owners, testified at the hearings on H. J. Res. 398, stimulating the building and operation of a balanced merchant marine to meet commercial and national-defense requirements. Hearings continue tomorrow.

LEAVE GRANT—SUBSIDY

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Ordered the following reported to the House:

H. R. 5964, to grant Federal employees time to attend funerals of deceased servicemen without loss of pay or annual leave; and

Report of the committee, pursuant to H. Res. 176, Eightieth Congress, entitled "Air Mail Subsidy."

RECLAMATION

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation heard the testimony of J. G. Will, assistant chief counsel, Bureau of Reclamation, at its hearings on H. R. 5313, authorizing construction and operation of Preston Bench reclamation project, Idaho, and H. R. 6028, authorizing appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation for payments to school districts serving projects during construction status. Both bills were ordered reported to the full committee.

VANPORT SCHOOL—CONSTRUCTION—HOUSING SALE

Committee on Public Works: The Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds heard Berchmans T. Fitzpatrick, Housing and Home Finance Agency; George H. Field, Bureau of Community Facilities, FWA; and James T. Hamilton, superintendent of schools, Vanport, Oreg., in its consideration of H. R. 5433, transferring jurisdiction over certain school buildings in Vanport, Oreg., to the Federal Works Administrator, and to authorize an appropriation to rebuild a school building which was destroyed by fire.

Later in executive session this bill was approved for reporting to the full committee, along with H. R. 3907, to authorize construction of building for Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance, and S. 2288, amending the Lanham Act so as to permit the sale of certain permanent war housing thereunder to veterans at cost. Postponed action indefinitely on H. R. 5924, providing for sale at cost of PHA project No. W. Va.-46011.

TRAILERS-LOW-COST HOUSING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: At the hearing on H.R. 6122, to provide guaranteed loans for purchase by vet-

erans of mobile trailer coaches, Representative Bennett of Missouri, sponsor of the bill, testified, along with F. W. McKinney, representing the trailer coach industry; Murl Owen, veteran from Missouri; Roger J. O'Donnell, Chicago, Ill.; and Edward I. Wilson, Trailer Coach Manufacturing Association.

Also held hearings on H. R. 6324, and 6439, to authorize Veterans' Administrator to study feasibility of adopting the West Virginia plan for construction and financing of low-cost housing for veterans. John C. Core, West Virginia, testified in favor of this legislation; and F. W. Kelsey, Assistant Administrator for Finance, Veterans' Administration, also spoke on the bills.

TAXATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Met in executive session and discussed proposals to its general tax-revision program. Will meet again tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

CREDIT POLICIES

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: Emil Schram, president, N. Y. Stock Exchange, testified before the committee on Federal credit policies. Committee adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

D. C. SALES TAX

Joint Meeting: Fiscal Affairs Subcommittees of the House and Senate District of Columbia Committees concluded hearings on S. 843, to provide for D. C. sales tax, after receiving testimony in support of the bill from the following: Robert Hill, National Confectioners' Association; Charles Scully, Williamson Candy Co., Chicago; Gordon Peyton, Chocolate Manufacturers As-

sociation; Mrs. Harvey Wiley, D. C. Federation of Women's Clubs; Rufus S. Lusk, Washington Taxpayers Association; Benjamin Streiner, Federation of Business Men's Associations; Soterios Nicholson, Mid-City Citizens Association; and Mrs. Raymond Cole, Randle Highlands Citizens Association.

The following testified in opposition to the bill: Benjamin Sigal, Washington chapter, Americans for Democratic Action; Kenneth Armstrong, Federation of Citizens' Associations; William A. Hill, NAACP; Joseph Forer, National Lawyers Guild; DeWitt Eldridge, Washington Committee for Wallace; Mrs. Frances Lichtenberg, League of Women Shoppers; Mrs. Ray Ginsberg, Government workers affiliated with CIO; C. F. Preller, Washington Central Labor Union; Mrs. Arline Neal, Building Service Employees Union, AFL; Mrs. Mary Thomas, Women's Trade Union League; Mrs. Nettie Karpin, chapter 14, American Veterans; Edward Hollander, Greater Washington Council, AVC; Mr. Kerman, District Grocery Stores; Ira Koehne, president and general counsel, Freedom Foundation; Herbert S. Wood, Potomac Cooperative Federation; and Mrs. Frances Gilbert McIlwee.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D344)

S. 1298, to validate certain payments for shipment of household effects of civilian employees. Signed May 12, 1948 (P. L. 523);

S. 1545, authorizing a bridge at Yorktown, Va.

Signed May 12, 1948 (P. L. 524); and

H. R. 1036, to license radiotelegraph operators on merchant vessels. Signed May 12, 1948 (P. L. 525).

Friday, May 14, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate recessed out of respect to Senator Overton.

House debated anti-Communist bill.

Bills on Labor Extension Service, heart diseases, veterans, labor, and Indians approved by Senate groups.

Trade-agreements extension bill approved by House committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 5825-5826

Bills Referred: Three House-passed bills, passed on May 13, were referred to appropriate committees.

Pages 5825-5826

Condolence Resolution: Following the announcement of the death of Senator John H. Overton, Senate adopted S. Res. 235, providing for expressions of sympathy to family of deceased, appointment of Senators to a funeral committee, and immediate recess as further mark of respect.

Pages 5826-5829

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN ECONOMIC AID

Committee on Appropriations: Committee continued hearings on proposed appropriations for foreign economic aid and foreign recovery plan, receiving testimony from D. J. Regan, U. S. economic counselor at Paris, and Loyd Steere, U. S. economic counselor at The Hague.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—WEAPONS, RADIO-TELEVISION, AND SEX OFFENDERS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Judiciary heard various witnesses on 3 bills, as follows:

On H. R. 6071, treatment of sexual psychopaths in the D. C., Morris Fay, district attorney for D. C., accompanied by Sidney Sacks; Vernon West, D. C. Corporation Counsel; Dr. Overholser, superintendent at St. Elizabeths Hospital; Dr. Alvin R. Sweeney, Gallinger Hospital; Dr. George C. Ruhland, Health Officer for D. C.; and Representative Miller of Nebraska appeared in support of the bill with Dr. Ruhland recommending some amendments. John M. Holzworth, attorney, opposed the measure.

On S. 2028, relative to possession or acquisition of dangerous weapons, Vernon West, D. C. Corporation Counsel, and Inspector Pearce, Metropolitan Police, testified in favor of the bill.

On H. R. 2984, regulating the installation of radio or television antennas, Leaverett Meadows and George A. Corbin, Manor Park Citizens Association, testified in support of the bill. The following testified in opposition to it: Vernon West, D. C. Corporation Counsel; Thad Brown, Jr., Dumont Television; and Bryce Rey, National Association of Broadcasters. T. H. Chapman, CAA, appeared for the information of the subcommittee.

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee opened hearings on international wheat agreement (Exec. F), which was opened for signature in Washington from March 6, 1948, to April 1, 1948, and was signed by representatives of 36 countries, including the U. S., with the following witnesses discussing the provisions of the agreement: Acting Secretary of Agriculture Dodd; Assistant Secretary of State Thorp; J. T. Sanders, National Grange; Arthur Booth, United Farmers of America, Illinois; and H. A. Praeger, American Farm Bureau Federation.

ALASKAN AND CALIFORNIAN INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: In executive session the committee ordered reported, with amendments, the following bills:

- S. J. Res. 162, to rescind orders by Secretary of Interior establishing Indian reservations in Alaska and repealing his authority to designate other reservations in the Territory;
- S. 2664, to authorize Indian Claims Commission to hear and determine certain claims of California Indians; and
- S. 2496, to convey certain public land to Pinellas County, Fla.

COLORADO WATER RIGHTS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation concluded hearings on S. J. Res. 145, to authorize commencement of an action by the U. S. to determine interstate water rights in the Colorado River system, after receiving rebuttal testimony by proponents: Dr. James H. Howard, metropolitan water district; Arvin A. Shaw, assistant attorney general of California; Rex Hardy, assistant city attorney of Los Angeles; and Northcutt, Colorado River Board of California. The subcommittee also received rebuttal testimony from the following opponents: Jean S. Breitenstein, attorney for Colorado Water Conservation Board, Colorado River Basin States Committee; Charles A. Carson, Arizona Interstate Stream Commission; W. J. Wehrli, Casper, Wyo.

ANTIMONOPOLY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee met in executive session to consider S. 104, antimonopoly bill, but made no announcement of action taken.

EDUCATION, HEART DISEASE, LABOR, AND VETERANS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: The committee, in executive session, approved the following bills with amendments:

- S. 1390, to provide for the creation of a Labor Extension Service in the Labor Department;
- S. 2215, to provide for research and control relating to diseases of the heart and circulation;
- S. 2237, to increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act; and
- S. 1035, veterans' hospital at Camp White, Medford, Oreg., after adding an amendment to it proposing to include the subject of H. Con. Res. 54, use of Schick General Hospital, Iowa, for veterans, as amended, as a part of the bill.

It also approved 73 routine nominations and promotions in the Public Health Service.

LORETTO, PA., POST OFFICE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee considered allegations as to lack of security surrounding the handling of mail in post office at Loretto, Pa., in light of robbery and mail mutilation at that office, hearing testimony from Rev. J. F. Regis O'Brien, St. Mary's Seminary, Sgt. Elmer Schmoyer, Pennsylvania State Police, both of Loretto; Charles J. Ryan, secretary to Representative Tibbott; Clinton B. Uttley, Deputy First Assistant Postmaster General; and W. M. Livingston and Peter J. Connolly, Post Office Department. Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

FLORIDA FLOOD CONTROL

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control and Rivers and Harbors concluded hearings on S. 2197, authorizing construction of comprehensive plan for flood control in central and southern Florida, after receiving testimony in support of the bill from Col. A. G. Matthews, chief engineer of the Division of Water Surveys and Research of the State of Florida; Representatives Rogers and Smathers; and Senator Holland. Col. H. C. Gee, U. S. Army engineers, testified for the information of the committee, reviewing the report on this project by the Corps of Engineers.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Sixteen public bills, H. R. 6564-6579; seven private bills, H. R. 6580-6586; and three resolutions, H. Res. 595 and 596, and H. J. Res. 403, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 5475, Synthetic Liquid Fuel Plants Act of 1948 (H. Rept. 1959); and

H. R. 6556, extending the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act (H. Rept. 1960).

Aliens: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 3566, amending Immigration Act relative to deportation of deportable aliens, requested a conference with Senate, and Representatives Fellows, Graham, and Celler were appointed conferees on the part of the House.

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Anti-Communism: Adopted, by a vote of 296 to 40, H. Res 582, providing for consideration of, and 5 hours' general debate on, H. R. 5852, to combat un-American activities by requiring registration of Communist-front organizations. Following adoption of the resolution, the House proceeded with general debate and after more than 4½ hours thereof read the first section of the bill, then postponed until Tuesday further reading of the bill for amendments.

Civil Service: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 4236, preventing discrimination against physically handicapped persons in the civil service, requested a conference with the Senate, and Representatives Rees, Love, and Murray of Tennessee were appointed conferees.

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Interstate Carriers: Insisted on its amendments to S. 110, amending the Interstate Commerce Act with respect to certain agreements between carriers, agreed to conference with the Senate, and appointed Representatives Wolverton, Hinshaw, Leonard W. Hall, Lea, and Chapman as conferees on the part of the House.

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Condolence Resolution: Adopted H. Res. 596, expressing condolence on the death of Hon. John H. Overton, Senator from State of Louisiana. Pursuant to this resolution the Louisiana congressional delegation was appointed on the part of the House to attend the funeral.

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Committee Meetings

NATIONAL LAND POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Heard the following officials of State farm bureau associations on H. R. 6054, to establish a long-range land policy and conservation program: H. E. Slusher, president, Missouri; H. L. Wingate, president, Georgia; Warren Hawley, president, New York; Ransome Aldrich, president, Mississippi; Walter Hammond, president, Texas; and Flake Shaw, executive vice president, North Carolina. Hearings continue Monday.

WORK STOPPAGE—BRIDGE

Committee on Armed Services: John L. Sullivan, Secretary of the Navy; Adm. Louis E. Denfeld, Chief of Naval Operations; and Rear Adm. Earle W. Mills, Chief, Bureau of Ships, Navy, testified before the Heavy Munitions Subcommittee on H. R. 6049, to authorize the President, in his discretion, to permit stoppage of work on certain combatant vessels. Hearings continue Monday.

The Legal Subcommittee held hearings on H. R. 6300, easement to Mystic River Bridge Authority to construct bridge over and across lands comprising a part of the U. S. naval hospital, Chelsea, Mass., and heard testimony of Capt. J. F. Jelley, Deputy Chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks, Navy; and the following representatives of the Mystic River Bridge Authority: E. A. Brest, chairman, Boston, Mass.; H. H. Allen, construction engineer, Baltimore, Md.; and Robie Mitchell, attorney, New York City.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: At the hearings on S. 866, T-E-W housing bill, and related measures to establish and carry out a national housing policy, the following proponent witnesses testified: Msgr. John O'Grady, representing National Council of Catholic Charities; Caroline Ware, representing American Association of University Women; Sydney Messlen, representing American Association of Social Workers; and Mrs. Stanley G. Cooke, representing the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Hearings continue Monday.

UNION RELATIONS

Committee on Education and Labor: A special subcommittee, Representative Buck, chairman, heard Charles Van Newkirk, commander, U. S. Maritime Service, on complaint filed relative to being denied employment by steamship companies. Investigation continues Monday.

SURPLUS PROPERTY—PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Subcommittee on Surplus Property in its consideration of permanent legislation for disposal of surplus property received the testimony of the following witnesses: Brig. Gen. E. M. Brannon and Col. Clarence A. Cozart, both of the Department of the Army; Rear Adm. M. L. Ring, Supply Corps, and Ernest L. Rushmer, both of the Department of the Navy; and Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, Administrator, and Maxwell Elliott, assistant general counsel, both of the Federal Works Agency. Adjourned until next week, subject to call of the Chair.

The Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda, which is investigating charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California, heard the further testimony of Representative Elliott. Hearings continue Monday.

UN STRUCTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: At the hearings on the UN structure and relations between the United States and the United Nations, Dorothy Thompson, Norman Thomas, Clark Eichelberger, of the American Association for UN, and Earl Emerson testified. Will meet in executive session on this subject Tuesday, May 18.

DISEASE RESEARCH

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Completed hearings on H. R. 977, 3257, and 3464, related bills on the establishment of an independent Medical Research Agency to initiate, conduct, and support scientific research with respect to cancer, poliomyelitis, and other degenerative diseases. Witnesses testifying were: Dr. C. P. Rhoads, director, Sloan-Kettering Institute, New York City, and chairman, committee on growth of the National Research Council; Sister Elizabeth Kenny, Elizabeth Kenny Institute, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.; Douglass Poteat, executive vice president, American Cancer Society, New York City; Dr. George Darling, director of medical affairs, Yale University; Samuel A. Markel and Dr. George Miley, both of Madison Foundation for Biochemical Research, Inc., New York City.

CARRIERS—NATURALIZATION—BANKRUPTCY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 heard Harvard Osmond, Office of Defense Transportation, and Donald B. Macguineas, attorney, Claims Division, Department of Justice, in connection with H. R. 4205, to provide for the settlement and payment to certain motor carriers of claims against the United States for damages resulting from Federal possession, control, and operation in time of war of the carriers' transportation systems and properties, etc. Hearings will be continued May 19, 1948.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization discussed, in executive session, H. R. 5004, to provide the privilege of becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States to all immigrants having a legal right to permanent residence, to make immigration quotas available to Asiatic and Pacific peoples, etc.; and H. R. 6128 and S. 2432, to amend the Alien Registration Act of 1940. Discussion to be continued May 19, 1948.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization heard the following witnesses in support of H. R. 6012, to amend section 77 of the Bankruptcy Act (prohibiting inclusion in a plan of reorganization any provision affecting existing authority of any State or State regulatory agency relating to service or rates): Representative Case of New Jersey; Augustus S. Dreier, Plainfield, N. J.,

attorney for the Inter-Municipal Group for Better Rail Service; Louis Lehman, mayor, Borough of Roselle, N. J.; Joseph Harrison, deputy attorney general, representing Public Utilities Commission, State of New Jersey; Edgar H. Harrison, attorney, New York City, on benalf of Westfield, N. J., and the Inter-Municipal Group for Better Rail Service; Harry Sec, national legislative representative, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; Roland H. Parker, assistant attorney general, State of Massachusetts; Frederick G. Hamley, general solicitor, National Association of Railroad and Utilities Commissioners. Appearing in opposition to the bill was James L. Homire, representing the National Bankruptcy Conference and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

ALASKA SHIPPING-MERCHANT MARINE

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Grenville Mellen, U. S. Maritime Commissioner, testified before the Subcommittee on Alaska Problems on H. J. Res. 396, to continue authority of the U. S. Maritime Commission to make provision for certain ocean transportation services to, from, and within Alaska. Hearings continue Tuesday, May 18.

The full committee held further hearings on H. J. Res. 398, stimulating the building and operation of a balanced merchant marine to meet commercial and national defense requirements, hearing the following

witnesses:

Admiral W. W. Smith, Chairman, Maritime Commission, who was accompanied by officials of the Commission, as follows: C. H. McDaniel, Chief, Government Aids Division; Frank Goertner, general counsel; and E. J. Ackerson, legislative counsel. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

RESOURCES DIVISION

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining in executive session considered amendments to H. R. 2455, creating within the Office of the Secretary of the Interior a National Mineral Resources Division, headed by a Director appointed by the President. Testimony was given by representatives of the Munitions Board of the National Military Establishment: Rear Adm. Roger W. Paine, Maj. Carter Good, and Carl Rolle. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

HOUSING-BUILDINGS-BRIDGE

Committee on Public Works: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

S. 2288, to amend Lanham Act so as to permit sale of war housing to veterans at cost;

H. R. 3907, authorize construction of buildings for the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance;

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H. R. 5433, transfer jurisdiction over certain school buildings in Vanport, Oreg., to Federal Works Agency, with amendments; and

H. R. 6127, authorize allocation of funds for payment of one-half cost of bridge across the Mississinewa River,

Grant County, Ind., with amendments.

DISABILITY PENSIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Compensations and Pensions held open hearings on H. R. 5616, granting non-service-connected pensions to unemployable World War I and II veterans with 50 percent or more disability, with testimony being offered by Clarence C. Adami, service officer, AMVETS; John C. Williamson, assistant director of legislation, VFW; Elmer Richter, chief of claims, VFW; William M. Floyd, national commander, Regular Veterans Association; and Timothy Daly and Mark S. Robson, both of the Veterans' Administration.

TRADE AGREEMENTS EXTENSION—TAX REVISION

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered H. R. 6556, reported to the House, by a vote of 15 to 9. This bill extends the power of the President to enter into new trade agreements until June 30, 1949, and places limitation on State Department's power to raise and lower tariffs. Later met in executive session to discuss proposals to its general tax-revision program. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Joint Committee Meetings

ECONOMIC REPORT

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: Committee met in executive session and agreed to distribute for signature of the members of the committee the final prepared draft of the committee's report on the President's economic report, accompanied by a minority report on the same subject prepared by Senator O'Mahoney.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D349)

S. 1620, establishing eligibility for burial in national cemeteries. Signed May 14, 1948 (P. L. 526); and

H. R. 5963, authorizing construction of courthouse to accommodate U. S. Court of Appeals for D. C. and District Court of the U. S. for D. C. Signed May 14, 1948 (P. L. 527).

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate received veto on atomic energy loyalty-test bill, and debated Army civil functions appropriations.

House conducted memorial services for deceased Members.

Bill on extension of terms of AEC Members reported to House and Senate.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Seventeen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2675 to S. 2691; S. J. Res. 216; and S. Res. 236.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program, with amendment (S. Rept. 1295);

S. 1861, to amend the act to reclassify the salaries of postmasters, officers, and employees of the postal service to provide promotions of certain temporary employees, with amendments (S. Rept. 1296);

S. J. Res. 193, to grant free postage to members of armed forces while confined in military or naval hospital, and certain veterans under treatment, with amendment (S. Rept. 1297);

S. 2215, to provide for research and control of diseases of the heart and circulation, with amendments (S. Rept. 1208):

S. 2251, donating recreational park to Great Lakes, Ill. (S. Rept. 1299);

S. 2592, return of certain lands to Puerto Rico (S. Rept.

S. 2593, easement of land at Pungo, Va. (S. Rept. 1301):

S. 2688, to provide for administration of Central Intelligence Agency (S. Rept. 1302);

H. R. 5870, to provide additional allowances for escort of war dead (S. Rept. 1303);

S. 1413, authorizing Minnesota to condemn certain lands for fish propagation, with amendments (S. Rept. 1304);

S. 2496, to convey certain public land to Pinellas County, Fla., with amendments (S. Rept. 1305);

S. 2548, to amend Mineral Leasing Act to permit exercise of certain options on or before August 8, 1950 (S. Rept. 1306);

H. R. 4201, authorizing payments to school district serving Fort Peck project in Montana (S. Rept. 1307);

H. R. 4512, to convey land to State of Oklahoma for Northeastern State College, Okla. (S. Rept. 1308);

H. R. 4513, to eliminate requirements of oaths in certain land matters (S. Rept. 1309);

H. R. 4551, relative to surplus Government lands to Cape Hatteras seashore recreational area project (S. Rept. 1310);

H. R. 5155, to authorize joint survey for construction of a parkway along the C. & O. Canal (S. Rept. 1311);

H. R. 5244, credits in connection with homestead interests of certain World War II veterans (S. Rept. 1312);

H. R. 5839, to convey to States, or participating subdivisions, roads to certain historical areas administered by the Department of Interior (S. Rept. 1313);

S. 1390, to provide for the creation of a Labor Extension Service in the Labor Department, with amendment (S. Rept. 1314);

S. 2237, to increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, with amendment (S. Rept. 1315);

The following private bills: S. 83, 709, 1364, 1606, 1730, 1964, 765, 1337, 1409, 1739, 2349, H. R. 703, 892, 926, 1916, 2218, 2760, 3358, 3640, 4443, 4484, S. 158, 933, 660, and 2059 (S. Repts. 1316 through 1340, respectively);

H. R. 5310, to permit persons racially indigenous to Siam to be eligible for admission into this country (S. Rept. 1341);

S. 2589, to provide for extension of terms of office of present members of the AEC (S. Rept. 1342);

Minority views on report of Special Committee To Investigate National Defense Program concerning Howard Hughes investigation (pt. 3a of S. Rept. 440); and

Additional report of Special Committee To Investigate National Defense Program relating to aircraft and other air matters (pt. 3b of S. Rept. 440). Pages 5896-5900

Rereference of Bill: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. 2433, to except Panama Railroad Company from Federal Tort Claims Act, and the bill was rereferred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Clerical Correction: H. Con. Res. 200, providing for making clerical correction in H. R. 3350, relative to navigation rules on western rivers, was adopted. Page 5902

Veto Message: President transmitted message vetoing S. 1004, atomic-energy loyalty-test bill. Pages 5895-5896

Presidential Messages: President transmitted recommendation for a permanent agriculture legislative program; also transmitted was first special report of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Page 5896

Civil Service: Senate agreed to a conference on H. R. 4236, preventing discrimination against physically handicapped persons in the civil service, and appointed as conferees Senators Langer, Buck, and Chavez.

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Aliens: Senate asked for a conference with House on H. R. 3566, to amend Immigration Act relative to deportation of deportable aliens, and appointed as conferees Senators Wiley, Revercomb, and Eastland. Page 5929

Army Civil Functions Appropriations: Senate considered H. R. 5224, Army civil functions appropriations, receiving motion of Senator Reed to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to reduce it by at least \$200 million, together with other specifications.

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Nominations: Received nomination of Ralph H. Ackerman, California, to be Ambassador to Dominican Republic, together with 5 other civilian nominations, 51 postmasters, 299 appointments and promotions in the Regular Army, 78 in the Navy, and 21 in the Marine Corps.

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Committee Meetings

ARMED SERVICE BILLS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee held hearings on four bills and took action on them as follows:

Agreed to report to the full committee S. 2622, relative to common Federal appointment of personnel of the National Guard and Organized Reserve Corps and to equalize disability benefits applicable to such personnel, after receiving testimony in support of the bill from the following witnesses: Gen. John E. Dahlquist; Milton A. Reckord, National Guard Association; E. A. Evans, Reserve Officers Association; Col. C. W. Schott, Air Force; and Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer, National Guard Bureau.

Held hearings but took no action on S. 1646, to provide construction, alteration, and maintenance of buildings and facilities, including land acquisition, for National Guard, Organized Reserve Corps, and other components of the Army. The following witnesses testified in support of the bill: Maj. Gen. H. R. Bull; Rear Adm. Ralph S. Riggs; Milton A. Reckord, National Guard Association; Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer, National Guard Bureau; and Col. William H. Abendroth.

Agreed to report to the full committee H. R. 5344, preventing retroactive checkage of retired pay in the cases of certain enlisted men and officers, after receiving

supporting testimony from Capt. F. O. Willenbucher, Retired Officers Association.

Agreed to report to the full committee S. 2174, amending sections of the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942 relative to travel and per diem allowances, after receiving supporting testimony from Commander D. L. Martineau, Navy Department, and Col. John E. Kirk, Department of Army.

OLEOMARGARINE TAX

Committee on Finance: Committee opened hearings on H. R. 2245, repealing oleomargarine tax, and received testimony in support of the bill from the following witnesses: Senators Maybank and Fulbright; Representatives Rivers and Corbett; Under Secretary of the Treasury Wiggins; Anton J. Carlson, professor, University of Chicago; Lewis G. Hines, AFL; Donald Montgomery, CIO; Tyre Taylor, National Association of Retail Grocers of U. S.; H. O. Smith, Jr., U. S. Wholesale Grocers Association; George M. Strayer and Ersel Walley, American Soybean Association; John Hatfield, American Hospital Association; Elliott H. Newcomb, AMVETS, American Veterans of World War II; Miss Anna Lord Strauss, League of Women Voters; Mrs. Louis Ottenberg, National Council of Jewish Women; Miss Jean Whitehall, Consumers Union; Mrs. Rena Cohen, League of Women Shoppers; Mrs. R. L. Larkin, American Association of University Women; Mrs. Ella McNaughton, American Home Economics Association; Mrs. E. G. Chamberlain, National Federation of Settlements; Mrs. Elizabeth Christian, National Women's Trade Union; Clifford Patton, National Association of Consumers; J. Ray Jones, Southern Commissioners of Agriculture; and Robert C. Jackson, National Cotton Council of America. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee continued hearings on international wheat agreement (Exec. F), which was opened for signature in Washington from March 6, 1948, to April 1, 1948, and was signed by representatives of 36 countries, including the U. S., and received opposition testimony from the following 5 witnesses: W. C. Schilthuis, Continental Grain Co., and North American Export Grain Association.; Dr. Roland S. Vaile, University of Minnesota; Ray O'Brien, former president of Chicago Board of Trade; Elton Kile, Grain and Feed Dealers Association; and Walter C. Berger, American Association of Feed Manufacturers.

On Saturday, May 15, John C. Locke, Millers National Federation, and Dwight Wade, United Farmers of America, appeared in opposition to the agreement, while Roy F. Hendrickson, National Federation Grain Cooperatives, testified in support of it.

AVIATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee received testimony from the witnesses listed below on the following bills: S. 2452, to amend the CAA of 1938 with respect to local enforcement of safety regulations of civil aviation; S. 2454, amending the CAA of 1938 to make further provision for recording of title to, interest in, and encumbrances upon certain aircraft; S. 2455, amending the CAA of 1938 by limiting the liability of certain persons not in possession of aircraft; S. 2456, to provide safety in aviation and to direct an investigation of causes and characteristics of thunderstorms; S. 2460, to exempt air carriers from payments for compensation for customs employees' overtime services; and S. 2464, to authorize Maritime Commission to provide for development of lighter-than-air rigid airships for commercial use: P. W. Litchfield, president, Goodrich Air Corp.; Admiral C. E. Rosendahl, retired; H. F. Worley, president, National Customs Service Association; Henry G. Hotchkiss, Aircraft Industries Association; Nathan Caulkins, Jr., CAB; Roger S. Murray, Bankers Trust Co. of New York; Emory T. Nunneley, CAB; R. E. Elwell, general counsel, Commerce Department; Robert Ramspeck, Air Transport Association; and C. F. Cornish, National Association of State Aviation Officials.

CONTRACT SETTLEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Representative Carson testified before the subcommittee in opposition to H. R. 5040, to amend Contract Settlement Act of 1944, to provide that claims under section 17 must be filed within 6 months to be allowable and to stop further accrual of such claims. Subcommittee adjourned subject to call of the chair.

DISTRICT JUDGE

Committee on the Judiciary: In hearings on the nomination of Wilson Warlick, to be judge of western district of North Carolina, subcommittee received testimony from Fate J. Beal, attorney at Lenoir, N. C.; and James M. Bailey, Jr., Marshall, N. C. These men testi-

fied for the information of the subcommittee and requested that further hearings be held.

JUDGESHIPS, AND PRIVATE IMMIGRATION AND CLAIMS BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session the committee approved for reporting 1 public bill and 40 private immigration and claims bills, as follows:

Approved without amendment S. 1476, to require senior circuit judge to designate another judge to sit in the place of any judge against whom an affidavit of personal bias and prejudice has been filed.

The 14 private claims bills approved were as follows: S. 890, 873, 424, 1303, H. R. 669, 2131, 3526, 2384, 1508, 3644, 350, 4379, 4377, and 3260.

The 26 private immigration bills approved were as follows: S. 765, 1739, 1409, 1964, 660, 933, 2059, 1606,

1337, 83, 1364, 709, 1730, 158, 2349, H. R. 892, 4484, 4443, 2218, 1916, 3358, 926, 2760, 703, 3640, and 5310.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Public Works Committee: Many witnesses, all listed below, appeared before the committee to testify in support of S. 2571, authorizing a comprehensive project in the Middle Rio Grande Valley, N. Mex., for flood control, irrigation, and drainage: Senators Chavez, Connally, and Hatch; Col. H. C. Gee, U. S. Army Engineers; Wesley R. Nelson and John Mutz, Bureau of Reclamation; John L. Greeg, Elephant Butte irrigation district, New Mexico; Colonel Spence, Texas compact commissioner; Judge Bobbit, San Antonio; Clifford Stone, representing the Governor of Colorado; Mr. Harwell, El Paso; John H. Bliss, engineer, New Mexico; Hubert Ball, chief engineer, Middle Rio Grande Conservation District, Albuquerque; A. E. Buck, Albuquerque; Ralph Jones, Ford dealer, Albuquerque; Rufus H. Carter, engineer, Middle Rio Grande Conservation Association; Tibo J. Chavez, attorney, Belen, N. Mex.; Fred Wilson, attorney, representing Governor of New Mexico; and Representative Fernandez.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Three public bills, H. R. 6587-6589; two private bills, H. R. 6590 and 6591; and six resolutions, H. Res. 597-600, H. J. Res. 404, and H. Con. Res. 202.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. Res. 597, rule providing for consideration of and I hour's debate on H. R. 6096, making certain Govern-

ment-owned alcohol plants available to the Department of Agriculture (H. Rept. 1960);

H. Res. 598, rule providing for consideration of and I hour's debate on S. 2256, meat inspection service bill (H. Rept. 1961);

H. Res. 599, rule providing for consideration of and 1 hour's debate on H. R. 6208, authorizing collection and publication of statistical information by Department of the Census (H. Rept. 1962);

H. Res. 350, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate State Department's action with respect to claim of George B. Soto against the Government of Guatemala (H. Rept. 1963);

S. 2288, amending Lanham Act so as to permit sale of war housing to veterans at cost (H. Rept. 1964);

H. R. 3907, authorize construction of buildings in or near Washington, D. C., for the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (H. Rept. 1965); and

H. R. 6127, authorize allocation of funds for payment of one-half cost of bridge across the Mississinewa River, Grant County, Ind. (H. Rept. 1966). Pages 5939-5940

Memorial Services: Pursuant to H. Res. 502 the House conducted memorial services for Members who have died since the first session of the Eightieth Congress. The services included addresses by Representatives Dirksen and Madden and vocal solos by Representatives Priest and Tibbott. At the conclusion of the exercises, the House adjourned as a further mark of respect.

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Committee Meetings

NATIONAL LAND POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Heard R. A. Colgan, Jr., executive vice president, National Lumber Manufacturers Association, and the joint statement of J. B. Wilson and J. M. Jones, National Wool Growers Association, all opposing H. R. 6054, to establish a long-range land policy and conservation program. Hearings continue tomorrow.

In an executive meeting on Saturday, May 15, it was voted to report the following bills to the House:

H. R. 5418, as amended, for the reconstruction of the dam on Wolf Creek, Perryton, Tex., and repair of the Rita Blanca Dam, Dalhart, Tex.;

H. Res. 452, requesting Secretary of Agriculture to take action to prevent damage to valuable crops as a result of the use of the weed killer known as 2,4-D;

H. R. 1043, relating to eradication of cattle grubs;

H. R. 5111, as amended, changing base period for determination of parity for Maryland tobacco from August 1919 to July 1929 to the period from January 1936 to December 1945;

H. R. 5263, as amended, permitting Secretary of Agriculture to execute and deliver to present owners of certain real property quitclaim deeds to the minerals in or under such property; and

H. R. 5048, as amended, directing the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain mineral rights.

WORK STOPPAGE

Committee on Armed Services: Heavy Munitions Subcommittee continued discussion of H. R. 6049, to authorize the President, in his discretion, to permit stoppage of work on certain combatant vessels, hearing further testimony from Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, Chief of Naval Operations, and Rear Adm. Earle W. Mills, Chief, Bureau of Ships, Navy. The subcommittee agreed to report the bill favorably to the full committee.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Alfred K. Stearn, chairman, accompanied by Albert L. Colloms, housing committee, National Wallace for President Committee; George Edwards, vice chairman, Americans for Democratic Action; and Norman Pike, chairman, New York City Interproject Tenants Council, testified at the hearings on S. 866, T-E-W housing bill, and related measures to establish and carry out a national housing policy. Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda, which is investigating charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California, heard the testimony of Edson Abel, of the California Farm Bureau Federation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

AIR-LINE PURCHASES

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Held hearings on H. R. 6180, amending Federal Airport Act with respect to purchases by air lines at airports, and received the testimony of Representatives Regan, of Texas; Eberharter, of Pennsylvania; Muhlenberg, of Pennsylvania; and Boggs of Delaware. Also testifying were Robert Ramspeck, executive vice president, Air Transport Association of America; Paul Bermingham, legal department, Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., New York City; James C. Buckley, Director of Airport Development, Port of New York Authority, who also appeared in behalf of airport operators, as executive secretary of Airport Operators Council; Harry V. Blair, assistant county solicitor of Allegheny County, Pa.; E. P. Owen, Jr., legislative consultant, Jacksonville, Fla.; Sumner W. Elton, assistant attorney general, Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Col. Raymond J. Kelley, corporation counsel for city of Detroit, and chairman, committee on airports, National Institute of Municipal Law Officers, Washington, D. C.; Frederick B. Lee, Acting Administrator, Civil Aeronautics Administration; I. Victor Dallin, department of public works, Philadelphia; and Melvin H. Nuss, secretary-treasurer, American Association of Airport Executives, and manager of airport, Reading, Pa.

JURORS-WATER RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 1 agreed to report favorably to the full committee H. R. 945, as amended, relating to the payment of fees, expenses, and costs of jurors. Also several members of the House were heard in support of their resolutions for holidays, special days, etc., including American Heroes' Day, Gold Star Mothers' Day, National Rededication to Marriage Week, National Teachers Day, Interfaith Day, etc.

Subcommittee No. 4 heard the following witnesses in support of H. J. Res. 225, H. J. Res. 226, H. J. Res. 227, H. J. Res. 236, and H. R. 4097, to authorize commencement of an action by the United States to determine interstate water rights in the Colorado River: Representatives Phillips, Fletcher, Poulson, King, Nixon, Bradley, and Hinshaw, all of California; Arvin B. Shaw, assistant attorney general of California; Northcutt Ely, special counsel, Colorado River Board of California.

ALASKAN TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: The Subcommittee on Alaskan Problems considered H. R. 4690, permitting transportation by Canadian vessels between the United States and Alaska. It was voted to report the bill to the full committee with an amendment which will set up the authority for 1 year.

STAR ROUTES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The Vursell subcommittee considered S. 263, to provide for the carrying of mail on star routes, and approved the bill to be reported to the full committee with an amendment authorizing the Postmaster General to extend contracts for 4 years and make necessary financial adjustments for increased operating costs. These carriers would not then be placed under Civil Service.

MINING CLAIMS—FLORIDA LANDS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining ordered the following bills reported to the full committee: H. R. 6239, suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in Alaska; and H. R. 6335, suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in the United States. Will meet again Thursday and Friday.

Subcommittee on Public Lands voted to report favorably to the full committee: H. R. 6233, to provide for the conveyance to Pinellas County, Fla., of certain public lands herein described, with amendments. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

ALCOHOL—MEAT INSPECTION—CENSUS—GUATEMALA CLAIM

Committee on Rules: Ordered the following resolutions reported:

H. Res. 597, providing 1 hour's debate on, and consideration of, H. R. 6096, a bill to make available to the Department of Agriculture certain Government-owned alcohol plants;

H. Res. 598, providing I hour's debate, and consideration of S. 2256, relating to the meat inspection service of the Department of Agriculture. Representatives Hope, Flannagan, Gillie, and Goff testified in favor of the resolution;

H. Res. 599, providing I hour's debate, and consideration of H. R. 6208, to provide for the collection and publication of statistical information by the Bureau of the Census. Representatives Hagen and Albert were heard in favor of the resolution; and

H. Res. 350, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate action of State Department respecting claim of George B. Soto against the Government of Guatemala. This resolution and H. Res. 597 were considered in executive session. Will meet again tomorrow.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security resumed its study of social security legislation in an executive meeting. Will meet again tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: In executive session, committee agreed to report to each House a bill to extend the time of expiration date of terms of members of the AEC from August 1, 1948, to June 30, 1950. H. R. 6402 will be reported to the House, and S. 2589 to the Senate—these are identical bills.

PAPER BIDS

Joint Committee on Printing: The committee adopted the sixty-sixth Report of the Committee on Paper Specifications recommending a schedule of paper embracing 183 lots and amounting to approximately 19,840,000 pounds as compared with 21,325,000 pounds for the current quarter. The report also recommended 62 lots of envelopes, amounting to 16,965,000 envelopes as compared with 18,635,000 envelopes for the current contract period. Committee meets again on June 7 to open paper bids.

Tuesday, May 18, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate of Army civil-functions appropriations.

House continued consideration of the anti-Communist bill, and passed 68 calendar measures.

Temporary war-housing-disposal bill approved by House committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 5940-5947

Bills Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2692 to S. 2699, S. J. Res. 217, S. Res. 237.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2664, to authorize Indian Claims Commission to hear and determine certain claims of California Indians, with amendment (S. Rept. 1343);

S. 1035, veterans' hospital at Camp White, Medford,

Oreg., with amendments (S. Rept. 1344);

S. 1476, to require senior circuit judge to designate another judge to sit in the place of any judge against whom an affidavit of personal bias and prejudice has been filed, with amendment (S. Rept. 1347);

H. R. 669, authorizing Secretary of Navy to settle all claims against the U. S. resulting from explosions at Port Chicago, Calif., in July 1944, with amendments (S. Rept. 1355);

Report of Joint Committee on the Economic Report

(S. Rept. 1358);

Minority views on report of Special Committee To Investigate National Defense Program concerning industrial mobilization (pt. 4a of S. Rept. 440); and

The following private bills: S. 424, 873, 1303, H. R. 350, 2384, 3526, 3644, 4377, 4379, 1508, 2131 (S. Repts. 1345, 1346, 1348–1354, 1356, and 1357, respectively).

Pages 5946-5947, 5969

National Defense: Members of the Special Committee To Investigate the National Defense Program were given 2 weeks' additional time within which to file supplemental reports on industrial mobilization.

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Army-Civil Functions Appropriations: Senate continued debate on Reed motion to recommit to Committee on Appropriations with instructions to decrease by \$200 million the amount of funds carried in H. R. 5224, Army-civil functions appropriations.

Pages 5952-5960, 5964-5979

Nominations: Twenty-three postmaster nominations were received.

Pages 5981-5982

Confirmations: Senator Tydings' motion to recommit to Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments the nomination of Jess Larson, Oklahoma, to be WAA Administrator, was rejected on division vote. The Larson nomination was then confirmed.

Senate also confirmed Rear Adm. Paul L. Mather, retired, to be Associate War Assets Administrator, and Brig. Gen. Francis K. Newcomer to be Governor of the Panama Canal, along with 833 sundry armed services nominations.

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Committee Meetings

INDUSTRIAL RESERVE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings on S. 2554, to promote common defense by providing for retention and maintenance of a national reserve of industrial productive capacity, and received testimony in support of the measure from Stuart W. Cramer, Deputy Chairman of Munitions Board; W. John Kenney, Under Secretary of Navy; Jess Larson, Acting WAA Administrator; and W. E. Reynolds, Commissioner of Public Buildings, FWA.

NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee voted to table S. 1793, to authorize Secretary of Navy to accept donations of land and improvements for Naval Reserve training purposes and to purchase certain lands and improvements for such purposes, after receiving testimony in support of the bill from Capt. R. T. Keith and Comdr. J. W. Cook, both of Bureau of Naval Personnel, and Capt. Joseph F. Jelly, Bureau of Yards and Docks.

OLEOMARGARINE TAX

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on H. R. 2245, repealing oleomargarine tax, after receiving testimony in opposition to the bill from the following witnesses: John Brandt, president, Land O'Lakes Creameries, Inc.; Mrs. Frank Barker; Joseph Fichter, National Grange; Henry Lepper, U. S. Food and Drug

Administration; Miles Horst, secretary of agriculture, Pennsylvania; George McLatchey, American Butter Institute and American Dairies, Inc.; Dr. Louis Koenig. Armour Foundation of the Illinois Institute of Technology; Charles W. Holman, National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation; Lawrence E. Benson, Benson & Benson; Paul Potter, labor consultant for dairy industry; Albert J. Nelson, president, North Star Dairy Cooperative and National Association of Creameries; M. L. Brightman, Dairy Industry Committee; R. G. Lytle, North Carolina Milk Producers Association; Rich L. Duncan, Falls Cities Cooperative Milk Producers Association; Glen M. Householder, Holstein-Friesian Association of America; Leo Peters; Milo K. Swanton, Wisconsin Council of Agriculture Cooperatives; and Representative Murray of Wisconsin.

DISTRICT JUDGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee held hearings on the nomination of Roy W. Harper, former chair-

man of the Democratic Party of Missouri, to be district judge of the eastern and western districts of Missouri, receiving testimony from Mrs. Harry Blanton, Sikeston, Mo.; Cance Pool, Jefferson City, Mo.; and James Reeves, Caruthersville, Mo. These witnesses were questioned primarily concerning prior elections held in Missouri.

AIRCRAFT-MILITARY SERVICE

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee received testimony from the following witnesses on S. 2644, to provide for the development of civil transport aircraft adaptable for auxiliary military service: Robert Ramspeck, Air Transport Association; J. J. O'Connel, chairman, CAB; and Harold Montee, Seaboard & Western Airlines.

The subcommittee meets again on this bill on Friday, and on Monday, May 24, it will consider S. 2466, to amend the CAA of 1938 by redefining certain powers of the CAA Administrator.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twelve public bills, H. R. 6592-6603; twelve private bills, H. R. 6604-6615; and two resolutions, H. J. Res. 405 and 406, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 5433, transferring jurisdiction over school buildings in Vanport, Oreg., to FWA, and authorizing appropriation for rebuilding of burned school at Vanport, Oreg. (H. Rept. 1967);

H. J. Res. 384, permitting duty-free importation of foreign articles for exhibition purposes at International Industrial Exposition, Inc., Atlantic City, N. J. (H. Rept.

1968);

S. 1470, providing for care and treatment of National Guards and Reserves injured or contracting diseases while engaged in military training (H. Rept. 1969);

H. R. 3825, exempting toilet preparations from 10percent retailers' excise tax when sold at retail to operators of beauty parlors, barber shops, etc. (H. Rept. 1970);

H. R. 5983, removing present restriction on appointments to Navy Medical Service Corps (H. Rept. 1971);

H. J. Res. 297, increasing from \$20,000 to \$30,000 the sum authorized for presentation of a statue of Commodore John Barry to Eire (H. Rept. 1972);

H. R. 6402, extending expiration dates of terms of members of Atomic Energy Commission from August 1, 1948, to June 30, 1950 (H. Rept. 1973);

H. R. 5611, providing for appointment of one additional district judge for the eastern district of Pennsylvania (H. Rept. 1974); and

H. R. 5964, granting time to employees in executive branch of the Government to attend funerals of members of armed forces returned to United States for burial, without loss of pay or leave (H. Rept. 1975). Page 6051

Private Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Private Calendar:

Cleared for the President: S. 188, 511, 1365, 1451, 1483, and 1637.

Sent to Senate without amendment: H. R. 4566, 4587, 5151, 5716, 5836, 6220, and 6252.

Sent to the Senate, amended: H. R. 744 and H. R. 5055 (omnibus claim bill).

Passed over without prejudice: S. 1729, S. 1771, and H. R. 3984.

Consent Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Consent Calendar:

Cleared for the President-

Potassium: S. 1050, relative to distribution of payments from potassium leases under act of October 2, 1917.

Power: S. 1305, defining notice requirements before public lands reserved as power sites are declared open to location for entry.

Aeronautics Committee: S. 1571, to add two members to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Toll Bridges: S. 1651 in lieu of H. R. 4190, amending General Bridge Act of 1946 by extending the amortization period for toll bridges from 20 to 30 years.

Grazing Permits: S. 1874, compensation for holders of grazing permits and licenses for losses sustained by reason of such use of public lands for national defense purposes.

Clams: S. 1979, authorizing certain studies of the soft-

shell and hard-shell clams.

Military Property Exchange: S. 2077 in lieu of H. R. 5181, authorizing Secretary of the Army to exchange certain property with city of Kearney, Nebr.

Land Easement: S. 2233 in lieu of H. R. 5642, granting an easement for construction of a water main on lands of the U. S. naval air station, Alameda, Calif.

Sent to Senate without amendment—

Surplus Sand: H. R. 5283, providing for disposal of surplus sand at Fort Story, Va.

Salt Brine: H. R. 5641, providing for free importation of salt brine.

Nationality: H. R. 5886, correcting an error in the Nationality Act of 1940.

Federal Charter: H. R. 5891, replacing the Federal charter of Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad Co.

Colorado River Funds: H. R. 5901, distribution of funds to certain States from receipts of Colorado River development fund.

National Parks: H. R. 5936, addition of certain surplus Federal lands to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Ga. and Tenn.

Wildlife: H. R. 6030, authorizing exchange of wildlife refuge lands within State of Washington.

Grazing Lands: H. R. 6073, providing for acquisition of certain grazing lands.

Foreign Cruise: H. R. 6078, amending Interstate Commerce Act (relative to foreign cruise travel by

Fish: H. R. 6110, permitting the landing of halibut by Canadian fishing vessels at Alaskan ports.

Forests: H. R. 6113, transferring certain land in Langlade County, Wis., to the U. S. Forest Service.

Farm Mortgages: H. R. 6114, amending title I of Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act to increase interest rate on title I loans.

Coast and Geodetic Survey: H. R. 6204, extending the provisions of Armed Forces Leave Act to commissioned officers of Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Hawaii: H. R. 6229, authorizing extension of leases of certain land in Hawaii.

Scrap Metals: H. R. 6242, continuing until June 30, 1949, the duty-free importation of scrap metals.

Insurance: H. R. 6275, exempting national service life insurance and U. S. Government life insurance from Federal estate tax.

Mental Treatment: H. R. 6289, providing for voluntary admission and treatment of mental patients at St. Elizabeths Hospital.

Mining: H. R. 6302, amending Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 to permit exercise of certain options by August 8, 1050.

Hospitals: H. R. 6339, amending the hospital survey and construction provisions of the Public Health Service Act so as to restore a State to eligibility to participate in Federal grants for hospital construction.

Air Transportation: H. R. 6407, to encourage the development of an international air-transportation system.

Sent to Senate, amended-

Transportation: S. 1525, providing transportation for certain Government and other personnel.

Cadets and Midshipmen: S. 1723, authorizing appointment of cadets and midshipmen to U. S. Naval and Military Academies from Canada.

Navigation Aids: S. 1853, authorizing Coast Guard to establish, maintain, and operate aids to navigation.

Probation: H. R. 2766, providing for transfer from one judicial district to another of jurisdiction over probationers, etc.

Bridge Bonds: H. R. 3402, extending the authorized maturity date of certain bridge revenue bonds to be issued in connection with the refunding of the acquisition cost of the bridge across the Missouri River at Rulo, Nebr.

Vessel Transfer: H. R. 3883, transfer of vessel Hygiene to Territory of Alaska.

Bridge Commission: H. R. 3915, increasing size of Arkansas-Mississippi Bridge Commission.

Delegation of Power: H. R. 4032, authorizing delegation of power to Secretary of Navy certain discretionary powers of the President.

Public Health: H. R. 4114, authorizing certain expenditures from appropriations of the Public Health Service.

Gettysburg Cemetery: H. R. 4688, to enlarge Gettysburg National Cemetery, Pa.

Land Conveyance: H. R. 4874, transferring Pelican Rock in Crescent City Harbor to Del Norte County, Calif.

Postal Seniority: H. R. 4964, preserving seniority rights of 10-point-preference eligibles changing positions within postal service.

Public Land Laws: H. R. 5071, extending public-land laws to islands situated in Red River, Okla.

Judicial Time Change: H. R. 5106, providing for changes in time of holding court in certain divisions in the eastern and western districts of South Carolina.

Experiment Station: H. R. 5153, creating an experiment station in Appalachian region for research relative to petroleum and natural gas.

Veterans' Preference: H. R. 5508, extending benefits of Veterans' Preference Act to certain mothers of veterans

Veterans' Heirs: H. R. 5758, permitting certain relatives of deceased veterans to receive benefits of armed forces leave bonds.

Surplus Property: H. R. 5882, authorizing the Secretaries of Army, Navy, and Air Force to donate surplus property for educational purposes.

Chinese Residents: H. R. 5922, relating to issuance of reentry permits to certain Chinese residents.

National Monument: H. R. 5957, establishment of Fort Vancouver National Monument, Wash., to include site of old Hudson's Bay Co. stockade.

Beverages: H. R. 5965, amending Tariff Act of 1930, relative to duties on certain beverages.

Trading With Enemy: H. R. 6116, extending until July 31, 1949, statute of limitations on claims filed pursuant to Trading With the Enemy Act.

Park: H. R. 6246, authorizing transfer and acquisition of certain lands for Chopawamsic Park and provides for changing name to Prince William Forest Park.

Time Change: H. R. 6318, amending the Standard Time Act of 1918, relative to placing a certain portion of Idaho in the third time zone.

U. S. Code: H. R. 6412, to codify and enact into law title 3 of U. S. Code, entitled "The President."

Pages 5991-6012

Bill Recommitted: Recommitted H. R. 5842, providing for acquisition of land along Mount Vernon Memorial Highway in exchange for certain dredging privileges, to the Committee on Public Works.

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Industrial Exhibition: Adopted H. J. Res. 384, to permit foreign articles to be imported duty free for exhibition purposes at the International Industrial Exposition, Inc., Atlantic City, N. J.

Lead Imports: Passed H. R. 6489, providing for temporary free importation of lead.

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Agreed to Senate amendments on the following four bills, completing congressional action:

Immigration: H. R. 1878, to deny admission to United States of persons deemed to endanger the public safety.

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Naturalization: H. R. 5193, amending the Nationality Act relative to naturalizing aliens who served in U. S. armed forces.

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FWA Police: H. R. 3219, authorizing appointment of special policemen on property under jurisdiction of the Federal Works Agency.

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Alaska Airport: H. R. 3510, to authorize public airport in Anchorage, Alaska.

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International Monetary Fund: Received message from the President containing the first special report on the operations and policies of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. This report covers the first 2 years of operations by these institutions. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and printed as House Document 656.

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Anticommunism: Commenced reading, for amendments, H. R. 5852, to combat un-American activities by requiring registration of Communist-front organizations, and after adopting sundry perfecting amendments, postponed further consideration until tomorrow.

Pages 6020-6049

Private Bill: Passed S. 315, for relief of Reginald Mitchell, clearing the bill for Presidential action.

Vacated proceedings wherein H. R. 385, incorporated in the omnibus claim bill (H. R. 5055), was contained as title II.

Pages 6014-6019, 6049

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL LAND POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: At the hearings on H. R. 6054, to establish a long-range land policy and conservation program, Representative Bennett of Michigan testified in opposition to the legislation. He was followed by Representative Hays, who read a favorable statement for Reece Caudle, president, Soil Conservation District of Arkansas; A. Fernós-Isern, Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico, who presented a statement from the Government of Puerto Rico House of Representatives; and E. D. McKnight, representative of Agricultural Council of Arkansas, who favored the objectives of the legislation and presented suggestions. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PRODUCTION—WORK STOPPAGE—NAVY— RESERVES

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered the following bills reported favorably to the House:

H. R. 6098, amended, to promote common defense by providing for retention and maintenance of a national reserve of industrial productive capacity;

H. R. 6049, authorizing President, in his discretion, to permit the stoppage of work on certain combatant vessels:

H. R. 5983, to amend Army-Navy Medical Services Corps Act of 1947, so as to remove the present restriction on appointments to the Navy Medical Service Corps; and

S. 1470, providing for care and treatment of National Guard and Reserves injured or contracting diseases while engaged in military training.

SECOND DECONTROL ACT

Committee on Banking and Currency: Opened hearings on H. R. 6571, to continue for a temporary period certain powers, authority, and discretion conferred on the

President by the Second Decontrol Act of 1947. Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer, and Mr. F. Marion Rhodes, of the Production and Marketing Administration, Department of Agriculture, testified in favor of the bill. Hearings continue tomorrow

GAO AUDIT-PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings studying the GAO audit of wartime railroad freight vouchers met in executive session and heard W. J. Vaughn of the General Accounting Office. Adjourned until Thursday, May 20.

Edson Abel, of the California Farm Bureau Federation, and Leon Hostetter, former engineer with the Bureau of Reclamation, testified before the Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda which is investigating charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California. Hearings continue tomorrow.

JOHN BARRY STATUE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held an executive session, and later ordered reported favorably to the House H. J. Res. 297, to increase from \$20,000 to \$30,000 the sum authorized for the presentation to Eire of a statue of Commodore John Barry. Will meet again tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: At the hearings to consider regulations of the Office of International Trade on export control, the following witnesses testified: Thomas C. Blaisdell, Jr., Acting Chief of the Office of International Trade; F. E. McIntyre, Director, Export Supply Branch, Office of International Trade; R. E. Evans, Smith-Murphy Co. (pearl barley exporters), New York City; George Dudman, Allen V. Smith, Inc. (pearl barley exporters), Marcellus Falls, N. Y.; H. Warmbrunn, H. D. Sheldon & Co. (macaroni exporters), New York City; and William P. Smith, Metropolitan Bank Building, Washington, D. C.

EQUAL RIGHTS—JURORS

Committee on the Judiciary: Received favorable report from Subcommittee No. 1 on H. J. Res. 397, proposing an amendment to the Constitution relative to equal rights for men and women. No action was taken on the resolution. Also decided to return to Subcommittee No. 1 for consideration of additional proposed amendments, H. R. 945, relating to fees, expenses, and costs of jurors.

ALASKAN TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: James P. Davis, Director, Territories and Island Possessions, Department of the Interior; Admiral William Callahan,

Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Transportation, Navy Department; and Delegate Bartlett, of Alaska, testified before the Subcommittee on Alaskan Problems on H. J. Res. 396 and 401, extending authority of U. S. Maritime Commission relative to Alaska ocean transportation. Hearings continue tomorrow.

WAR HOUSING

Committee on Public Works: Voted to report to the House a revised version of H. R. 5710, disposal of temporary war housing constructed under the Lanham Act of 1940.

The Macy Subcommittee investigating questionable trade practices resumed executive sessions.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Rules: Heard Representative Andrews of New York, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, who favored a resolution providing for consideration of H. R. 6401, to provide for the common defense by increasing the strength of the U. S. armed forces. Will continue tomorrow at 2:30 p. m.

LAND TRANSFER

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered H. R. 6448 reported to the House with amendments. This bill directs the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to convey to Johnson City, Tenn., a certain tract of land located in Washington County, Tenn. Meets again tomorrow.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security resumed its study of social-security legislation in an executive meeting. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

COTTONSEED FUTURES

Special Committee Investigating Commodity Transactions: Held hearings relative to the cornering of the market in cottonseed-oil futures and heard testimony of Dyke Cullum, president, National Commodity Corp., Washington, D. C., and F. M. Barnes, vice president in charge of buying, Procter & Gamble Co. Hearings continue tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D353)

S. 1985, to amend the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act relative to Boulder City school district. Signed May 14, 1948 (P. L. 528); and

H. R. 5262, authorizing sale of certain Indian lands. Signed May 14, 1948 (P. L. 529).

Wednesday, May 19, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate rejected motion to recommit Army civil-functions appropriations, and continued to work on bill.

House passed Communist-registration bill, 319 year to 58 nays. Senate committee approved UN and collective security resolution. Conferees agreed on WAC-WAVE bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 6052-6057

Bills Introduced: Seven bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2700 to S. 2706; S. J. Res. 218 and S. 219; S. Con. Res. 55; and S. Res. 238, 239, and Pages 6053-6054 240.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 5173, to amend Hawaiian Homes Commission act by designating certain public lands as available home lands (S. Rept. 1359);

S. J. Res. 217, requesting the President to issue a proclamation designating Memorial Day of 1948 as a day for Nation-wide prayer for peace (S. Rept. 1360);

S. Res. 239, UN and collective-security resolution (S.

Rept. 1361);

S. Res. 233, to provide \$100,000 for the Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections of the Committee on Rules and Administration (no written report); and

S. Res. 238, providing for the preparation and printing of the Senate Rules and Manual for the use of the Eightyfirst Congress (no written report). Pages 6053-6054

Bills Referred: 43 House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees. Pages 6055-6056

Bills Placed on Calendar: The following bills were placed on the Senate Calendar: H. R. 5716, private bill; H. R. 5901, Colorado River development fund; H. R. 5922, relating to the issuance of reentry permits to certain aliens; H. R. 6302, amend Mineral Leasing Act of 1920; and H. R. 6318, amend Standard Time Act relative to Idaho. Pages 6055-6056

Treaties: The President transmitted the following treaties which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations: Supplementary protocol modifying convention between U.S. and France for the avoidance of double taxation (Exec. G, 80th Cong., 2d sess.); and conventions between U. S. and Denmark, U. S. and Netherlands, and U. S. and New Zealand for avoidance of double taxation (Execs. H, I, and J, respectively, 80th Cong., 2d sess.). Pages 6083-6084

Resolutions Adopted: S. Res. 233, increasing by \$100,-000 the limit of expenditures for Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections of the Committee on Rules and Administration to enable it to continue its duties (election investigations), and S. Res. 238, providing for the preparation and printing of the Senate Rules and Manual for the use of the Eighty-first Congress, were adopted.

Naval and Military Appointments: Concurred in House amendments to S. 1723, to authorize the appointment of cadets and midshipmen from Canada, thus clearing the bill for the President.

Government Transportation: Concurred in House amendments to S. 1525, to provide transportation for certain Government and other personnel, thus clearing the bill for the President. Pages 6056-6057

Army-Civil Functions Appropriations: Senate passed H. R. 5524, Army-civil functions appropriations, after taking the following actions:

Rejected by 18 yeas-to 55 nays Reed motion (as modified by unanimous consent as to certain specific instructions) providing for decrease of \$200 million from amount of funds carried in bill.

Adopted committee amendments, after modifying the one barring payment of salary to civil-service employees in Canal Zone who are aliens, by adding to it the Green amendment excepting citizens of Panama from the prohibition.

Adopted Gurney amendment relative to certain reservoir projects in California and South Dakota.

Rejected Ives amendment to increase appropriations by \$3.5 million for New York and New Jersey shipchannel construction.

Conference on the amendments was requested and conferees on part of the Senate were appointed as follows: Senators Gurney, Brooks, Reed, Ferguson, Bridges, Revercomb, Thomas of Oklahoma, Hayden, and Russell. Pages 6057-6096

Displaced Persons: S. 2242, to authorize the admission within 2 years of 100,000 displaced persons for permanent residence, was made the unfinished business; it will be considered further tomorrow after disposition of the Hawaiian statehood proposal.

International Airline System: Passed H. R. 6407, to encourage development of an international air-transportation system after amending it by substituting language of S. 2451, a similar bill. S. 2451 was indefinitely postponed. Senate requested conference on the bill and appointed as conferees Senators Brewster, Hawkes, Capehart, Johnson of Colorado, and Mc-Farland. Pages 6096-6098

Committee Meetings

COOPERATIVES

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee received testimony against S. 2543, to provide for retirement of Government capital in central and regional banks for cooperatives, from the following witnesses: Austin W. Carpenter, secretary, New York Associated Business, Inc., Sherburne, N. Y.; Elton Kile, president of National Associated Businessmen, Kileville, Ohio; Leonard J. Calhoun, National Tax Equality Association, of Washington; John Carlender, president of State Bank, Faribault, Minn., and president of Minnesota Bankers Association; and E. L. Job, president of Commercial National Bank and Trust Co., Knoxville, Iowa. Committee meets tomorrow on long-range farm program and fair labor problems.

PANAMA CANAL

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee approved for reporting to the full committee S. 2002, to incorporate Panama Railroad Company as U. S. instrumentality and adjunct to Panama Canal with capital stock of \$25 million, after receiving supporting testimony from the following witnesses: Bernard F. Burdick, chairman, Office of General Purchasing Officer, and R. E. Ramsey, Assistant Chief of the Office, both of The Panama Canal. R. M. Lovelady, American Federation of Government Employees; Mr. Jones, Sheet Metal Workers Union; and Alfred U. Krebs, National Federation of American Shipping.

In an afternoon session, the subcommittee agreed to report to the full committee S. 2553, to convey lands to Mystic River Bridge Authority for approaches to bridge at Chelsea, Mass., after receiving testimony in support of the bill from Capt. J. F. Jelly, USN; Ephram A. Brest, chairman, and H. H. Allen, engineer, both of the Mystic River Bridge Authority. Thomas E. Keating, mayor, Jeremiah Kames, John Marion, and Dr. J. B. Toltz, all of Chelsea, restified in opposition to the bill.

Hearings were held on H. R. 3735, to convey Santa Rosa Island, Fla., to Okaloosa County, with Senators Pepper and Holland; Representatives Sikes; and Col. William Evans, Department of Army, testifying in support of the bill, but action on it was held over until a later date.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee on Housing and Rents received testimony from Helen Kiefer, administrative assistant to Senator Morse; B. T. Fitzpatrick, Housing and Home Finance Agency; and Joseph Guandolo, FWA, in support of S. 2155, to transfer jurisdiction over certain school buildings in Vanport, Oreg., to FWA.

B. T. Fitzpatrick, and William J. Donovan, executive director, Housing Authority of Newport, R. I., testified in support of S. 1228, to sell war housing project to Newport, R. I. Rear Adm. James E. Maher, Chief of Base Maintenance, Office of Chief of Naval Operations, appeared in opposition to the bill.

UN AND COLLECTIVE SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee, in executive session, ordered reported by a vote of 13 to 0, S. Res. 239 (S. Rept. 1361), UN and collective security resolution. The resolution proposes "that the Senate reaffirm the policy of the U.S. to achieve international peace and security through the United Nations, and that the President be advised of the sense of the Senate that this Government, by a constitutional process," should pursue objectives to implement the position of the United Nations, involving provision of the Charter relative to: removing veto from charter involving pacific settlements of international disputes, progressive development of regional and other collective arrangements, association of U. S. with regional and collective arrangements as are based on self-help and mutual aid, maintenance of peace by individual or collective self-defense, maximum efforts to provide United Nations with armed forces as provided by the charter, and review of the charter at an appropriate time by a general conference.

The committee also approved for reporting the following nominations: Robert Butler, Minnesota, to be Ambassador to Cuba; George P. Shaw, California, to be Ambassador to Nicaragua; Ralph H. Ackerman, California, to be Ambassador to Dominican Republic; Harry F. Grady, California, now Ambassador to India and Minister to Nepal, to serve concurrently as Representative of U.S. in the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, established by the Economic and Social Counsel of the UN; together with 24 routine foreign

service nominations.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee met in executive session to consider pending bills. Action taken will be reported to the full committee at its next meeting.

ANTILYNCHING, TIDELANDS, AND PEACE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee met in executive session to consider pending bills on antilynching, and S. 1988, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, but did not reach a final vote on reporting either of them.

It reported, without amendment, S. J. Res. 217, requesting the President to issue a proclamation designating Memorial Day of 1948 as a day for Nation-wide

prayer for peace.

DISTRICT JUDGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee continued hearings on the nomination of Roy W. Harper, former chairman of the Democratic Party of Missouri, to be district judge of the eastern and western districts of Missouri, receiving testimony from Leonard Limbaugh and James Reeves, Caruthersville, Mo., and Harry L. Blanton, Sikeston, Mo. These witnesses were questioned primarily concerning prior Missouri elections.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Special subcommittee opened hearings on certain bills to amend the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, affecting retirement and insurance benefits (S. 994, 2055, 2228, 2300, 2423, 2437, and 2438), hearing the following witnesses express their views on these various bills: William J. Kennedy, Chairman, David B. Schreiber, associate general counsel, Joseph B. Musher, actuary, and Frank C. Squire, member, all of the Railroad Retirement Board. Hearings continue tomorrow.

BEACH EROSION

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee received testimony in support of S. 2695, to authorize Federal participation in shore protection works, Harrison County, Miss., from Senators Eastland and Stennis, Representative Colmer, and Colonel Jewett, Chief of Engineers.

Representative O'Konski testified in favor of the Port

Wing, Wis., harbor project.

OIL AND STEEL SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Subcommittees on Oil and Steel held hearings on operations of the Office of Industry Cooperation in establishing voluntary industry agreements under Public Law 395. The subcommittees are interested in the participation of smaller business in formation of agreements and distribution of products to independent producers, with the following witnesses testifying: Under Secretary of Commerce Foster, and John C. Virden and Melvin Cole, Office of Industry Cooperation, accompanied by Nelson Pierce, A. K. Tigrett, C. A. Hahn, and Charles Halcomb.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirteen public bills, H. R. 6616-6628; three private bills, H. R. 6629-6631; and five resolutions, H. Res. 601, H. J. Res. 407 and 408, and H. Con. Res. 203 and 204, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Seven private bills: S. 252, 314, 825, 1055, 1206, 1588, and 1886 (H. Repts. 1976-1982, respectively);

H. R. 5710, providing for relinquishment of Government rights in temporary housing provided under Lanham Act (H. Rept. 1983);

H. R. 6448, conveyance of certain lands in Tennessee by Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to the city of Johnson City (H. Rept. 1984);

Eleven private bills: H. R. 435, 1076, 1528, 2091, 2508, 2916, 3062, 3713, 4663, 5270, and 6083 (H. Repts. 1985–1995, respectively); and

H. R. 6130, for the relief of certain postal employees (H. Rept. 1996).

Anticommunism: Passed, by a vote of 319 yeas to 58 nays, H. R. 5852, to protect the United States against

un-American and subversive activities, after accepting the Committee on Un-American Activities' substitute as amended in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Pages 6104-6150

Surplus Property: Conferee changes:

Mr. Snyder was appointed to replace Mr. Harvey as a conferee on H. R. 2239, authorizing sale or lease to State governments of surplus property for use in training civilian components of Army.

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Mr. Manasco was appointed to replace Mr. Holifield as a conferee on S. 2277, providing for disposition of surplus real property to States, political subdivisions, and municipalities for use as public parks, etc.

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Committee Meetings

MYSTIC RIVER BRIDGE

Committee on Armed Services: Met to consider H. R. 6300, to convey lands to Mystic River Bridge Authority for approaches to bridge at Chelsea, Mass. No action was taken on the bill. The following witnesses testi-

fied: Jeremiah Kamens, Chelsea, Mass., member of Massachusetts State Legislature; Thomas A. Keating, mayor, and John Marion, city engineer, both of Chelsea, Mass.; and Dr. Julius B. Toltz, chairman, Veterans' Council, Chelsea, Mass.

EXTENSION SERVICE—UNION RELATIONS

Committee on Education and Labor: The Education Subcommittee heard the following witnesses at the hearings on H. R. 6202 and 6249, establishing in the Department of Labor a Labor Extension Service to promote the welfare of wage earners: Adam K. Stricker, Jr., industrial economist, General Motors Corp.; Arthur J. Elder, director, labor extension service, University of Michigan; and Hilda W. Smith, chairman National Committee for the Extension of Labor Education.

The Buck Subcommittee held hearings on the subject of relations between steamship companies and labor unions relative to employment restrictions, with the following witnesses testifying: W. W. Jordan, business agent for the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen, Oilers, Water Tenders, and Wipers Association; Burt L. Rinder, superintendent of unlicensed personnel, Grace Lines; and Peter MacIntosh, engineer superintendent, Grace Lines. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UN STRUCTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Voted to proceed to consider a draft bill dealing with a policy statement with reference to strengthening the United Nations; amendment and improvement of the UN Participation Act of 1945 relative to appointment and salaries of UN representatives; assistance to international organizations through loan of personnel and performance of services, on a reimbursable basis; approval of agreement relating to privileges and immunities of UN personnel; and UN headquarters loan and authorization of appropriation. The committee intends to draft its own policy statement. Will meet again tomorrow.

DISEASE RESEARCH, FILM

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Relative to H. R. 977, 3257, and 3464, similar bills on the establishment of an independent Medical Research Agency to initiate, conduct, and support scientific research with respect to cancer, poliomyelitis, and other degenerative diseases, a public showing of a motion-picture film depicting scenes of polio treatment and research at the Elizabeth Kenny Institute, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn., was presented in the committee room. Sister Elizabeth Kenny spoke regarding the film.

TRANSPORTATION, DAMAGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 heard Ellie T. Longenecker, former Federal manager, Motor Carriers' Transportation System, on H. R. 4205, to provide for the settlement and payment to certain motor carriers of claims against the United States for damages resulting from Federal possession, control, and operation in time of war of the carriers' transportation systems and properties. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ALASKAN TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Alaskan Problems held hearings on H. J. Res. 396 and 401, to continue the authority of the U. S. Maritime Commission relative to Alaska ocean transportation. Testifying on these resolutions were S. J. Swanson, vice president and general manager, Alaska Transportation Co.; Marvin Coles, representing Alaska Freight Express Corp.; Gilbert W. Skinner, president, Alaska Steamship Co.; Malcolm D. Miller, special counsel, attorney general of the Territory of Alaska; and Ira L. Eweres, representing Roy Anderson, Northland Transportation Co. Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUILDING LEASE

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds again considered H. R. 6332, which would authorize the Commissioner of Public Buildings to lease a Federally owned building to the Temple Methodist Church of San Francisco, Calif. This bill had previously been reported to the full committee, but later an adverse report was received from the Treasury Department, and it was referred back to the subcommittee for further deliberation. The following officials of the Treasury Department testified in opposition to the bill: Paul McDonald, Office of Administrative Service; Stewart Berkshire and Paul Hankins, both Deputy Commissioners of Internal Revenue. Rev. R. Orman Roberts, pastor, Temple Methodist Church, San Francisco, Calif., offered further testimony favoring the lease; and W. E. Reynolds, commissioner, Public Buildings Administration, FWA, testified in an advisory capacity.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Rules: Held further hearings on a resolution providing for debate and consideration on H. R. 6401, selective-service bill, with Representatives Andrews of New York and Kilday speaking in favor of the resolution. Hearings will continue Thursday at 2:30 p. m.

Joint Committee Meetings

WAC-WAVES

Conferees on S. 1641, to provide a permanent basis for women in the armed forces, reached a final agreement to file conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of the bill. As approved the bill would establish Regular and Reserve components for women in the armed forces; it would authorize the strength of the Regular component of women in the services to be obtained by computing 2 percent of the total strength of the armed forces.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate defeated motion to take the Hawaiian statehood bill from committee, and debated bill on displaced persons and veto of atomic energy loyalty test.

House passed bills on military installations, sodium leases, and meat inspection.

Senate groups approved bills on powers of appointment, aviation, Coast Guard, weather, ICC, and armed services.

Rules Committee cleared D. C. home-rule bill and World Health Organization program for House action.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Eleven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2707 to S. 2717; S. J. Res. 220; S. Con. Res. 56; and S. Res. 241, 242, and 243.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2454, amending the CAA of 1938 to make further provision for recording of title to, interest in, and encumbrances upon certain aircraft, with amendment (S. Rept. 1362);

S. 2455, to amend the CAA of 1938 by limiting the liability of certain persons not in possession of aircraft, with amendment (S. Rept. 1363);

S. 2456, to provide safety in aviation and to direct an investigation of causes and characteristics of thunderstorms, with amendments (S. Rept. 1364); and

Report of Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments relative to investigation of surplus property disposal (S. Rept. 1365).

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Bill Referred: One House-passed bill, passed on May 20, was referred to appropriate committee. Page 6158

Navigational Aids: A conference was asked for on S. 1853, authorizing the Coast Guard to maintain aids to navigation, and Senators Brewster, Hawkes, Capehart, Johnson of Colorado, and McFarland were appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate.

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Election Resolution: Senate adopted S. Res. 234, declaring Herbert R. O'Conor a duly elected Senator from the State of Maryland.

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Hawaiian Statehood: S. Res. 232, to discharge Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs from further con-

sideration of H. R. 49, Hawaiian statehood bill, was defeated by 20 yeas to 51 nays. Thus the bill remains before the committee, awaiting further consideration.

Pages 6160-6176

Displaced Persons: Senate, after debating at some length S. 2242, to authorize the admission within 2 years of 100,000 displaced persons for permanent residence, put it aside temporarily and proceeded to consider the veto of the atomic-energy loyalty-test bill.

Pages 6177-6190

Atomic Energy: Veto message on S. 1004, atomicenergy loyalty-test bill, was debated, remaining the pending business when the Senate recessed.

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Nominations: Two nominations for Federal judgeships were received.

Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee met in executive session to consider proposed perfecting amendments to S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program. The amendments were merely discussed without any disposition being made of them. The bill is already on the Senate Calendar, having been reported on May 17.

FARM LABOR PROBLEMS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: In an afternoon session the committee met with various officials of the USES to discuss farm labor supply.

TREASURY-POST OFFICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee concluded marking up for reporting to the full committee H. R. 5770, Treasury-Post Office appropriations. Date for full committee meeting on this has not been determined.

ARMY OFFICERS RETIREMENT—CIVIL AIR PATROL

Committee on Armed Services: Committee considered the following two bills in executive session, after holding hearings on them, but did not take a vote on reporting either:

On H. R. 2744, retirement of officers of Regular Army and equalization of retirement benefits for members of the AUS, the following witnesses testified in support of the bill: Maj. Gen. John Dahlquist; Capt. Joseph B. Hoyt, USN; Brig. Gen. Dean Strother, Air Force; Col. Mel Maas, president, Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association; Commander David L. Martineau, Bureau of Naval Personnel; Capt. Franz O. Willenbucher, Retired Officers Association; and Commander C. E. Lofgren, Fleet Reserve Association.

On H. R. 5298, establishing the Civil Air Patrol as a civilian auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force, the following witnesses testified in support of the bill: Maj. Gen. Lucas V. Beau, national commander, Civil Air Patrol of the Air Force; Robert G. Ervin, officer of the National Guard Bureau; and Brig. Gen. John T. McConnell, Chief of Civilian Components Groups of the Air Force.

ARMED SERVICES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee, after holding hearings on the following three bills, voted to report them to the full committee, as follows:

With an amendment, S. 2680, to prevent disclosures of information concerning cryptographic systems of the U. S. Rear Adm. E. E. Stone, Chief of Naval Communications, testified in support of the bill.

With an amendment, S. 1977, to amend the act authorizing leases of property by the War and Navy Departments so as to permit State and local taxation. The following witnesses testified in support of the bill: Senator Kem; Gen. E. M. Brannon and C. J. Doering, both of the Army; Col. P. W. Smith and Lt. Col. Bryan L. Rakestraw, both of the Air Force; Hudson Cox, Commander W. A. Hern and John T. Koehler, all of the Navy; and John W. Woods, of GAO.

Without amendment, S. 2505, to clarify the position of the Secretary of the Air Force with respect to an act of August 1, 1947, and to authorize the Secretary of Defense to establish six additional positions in the professional and scientific service. Testifying in support of this bill were Lawrence R. Hafstad, executive secretary, Research and Development Board; Charles Brown, Office of Secretary of Defense; Maj. E. J. Burns and Col. F. R. Cook, both of the Air Force.

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GOVERNMENT WAR WORKER DORMITORIES

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee on Housing and Rents held hearings on two bills, S. 1843, to provide for the conveyance of Slowe and Carver Halls, defense housing projects in D. C., to the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial, and S. 2076, to authorize the Defense Homes Corp. to convey to Howard University certain properties in the D. C., receiving testimony in support of S. 1843 from Senator Capper; S. J. Phillips, president, Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial; Dr. Emmet J. Scott; Rev. T. J. Jemison; and Mrs. Laura Cyrus, relative of Mrs. Booker T. Washington. Raymond M. Foley, HHFA Administrator, opposed the bill.

The following witnesses testified in favor of S. 2076: Raymond M. Foley, HHFA Administrator; Reginald Conley, assistant general counsel, FSA; Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president, Dr. J. M. Nabrit, secretary, Dr. V. T. Johnston, treasurer, and Julian A. Cook, coordinator on building program, all of Howard University. Miss E. L. Lingham, president, Slowe Hall, opposed the bill.

D. C. OPTOMETRY

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Public Health, Education, Recreation, and Welfare held hearings on H. R. 6087, regulating the practice of optometry in the D. C., with Dr. Douglass Karstroom, optometrist for Goldenberg's Department Store, and Dr. William C. Ezell, past president, American Optical Association, testifying in support of the bill. Testifying in support of the bill with amendments were Irving Bryan, Assistant Corporation Counsel for D. C.; Dr. Rex B. Sheley, chairman, D. C. Board of Optometry; and Dr. Everett Warren, president, D. C. Optometry Association.

Dr. L. Weintraub, vice president, National Retail Optical Association, and Robert Rosenberg, representing Dr. Ginsberg at Harrisburg, Pa., testified in opposition to the bill.

OLEOMARGARINE, DISABILITY INSURANCE, AND NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Senators Ball, Morse, Thye, Aiken, and Young appeared before the committee in executive session to oppose H. R. 2245, repeal of oleomargarine tax. Senators Ball, Morse, and Thye endorsed amendments which have already been submitted to the committee by Charles Holman, National Cooperative Milk Producers Association.

A second interim report, this one on permanent and total disability insurance, prepared by the Advisory Council on Social Security, was presented to the committee by Robert M. Ball, staff director of the Council. This report will be released to the public as soon as it

has been printed, which will probably be within the next ten days.

The following nominations were ordered reported favorably to the Senate: Richard L. Disney and Samuel B. Hill, to reappointment for 12 years to Tax Court, and Mortimer Jordan, to be collector of internal revenue at Birmingham, Ala.

The committee also approved for reporting, with amendment, H. J. Res. 395, extending the time for release, free of estate and gift tax, of powers of appointment. The amendment would extend the statute of limitations to permit collection of tax deferred by reason of section 722 of the Internal Revenue Code.

TERRITORIES AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Territories and Insular Affairs met in executive session to consider pending bills on calendar. Action taken will be reported to the full committee at its next meeting.

LIQUOR ADVERTISEMENT—AVIATION—COAST GUARD—WEATHER—ICC

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: In executive session the committee tabled, in effect rejected, S. 2352, prohibiting or restricting the advertising of alcoholic beverages.

The following bills were approved for reporting to the Senate without amendment: H. R. 4804, granting service credit to certain enlisted men of the Coast Guard; H. R. 4817, amending Public Law 219 (80th Cong.) relative to the number of officers holding permanent appointments on the active list of the Coast Guard; H. R. 4112, acceptance and use of additional funds for support of national weather service; H. R. 4426, providing basic authority for certain functions and activities of the Weather Bureau; H. R. 4427, establishing specific authority for routine administrative activities necessary in carrying out the functions of the Depart-

ment of Commerce; H. R. 4393, providing for distribution, promotion, separation, and retirement of officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey; and H. R. 3730, to amend ICC for recovery by initial carrier of legal costs in cases of damage and injury incurred by joint-haul carriers.

The following bills were approved for reporting with amendments: S. 2454, amending the CAA of 1938 to make further provision for recording of title to, interest in, and encumbrances upon certain aircraft; S. 2455, to amend the CAA of 1938 by limiting the liability of certain persons not in possession of aircraft; and S. 2456, to provide safety in aviation and to direct an investigation of causes and characteristics of thunderstorms.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Special subcommittee continued hearings on bills to amend the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, affecting retirement and insurance benefits (S. 994, 2055, 2228, 2300, 2423, 2437, and 2438) with the following two witnesses expressing their views on the various bills: Lester P. Schoene, counsel, Railway Labor Executives' Association, and Dr. L. H. Parmelee, vice president, Association of American Railroads. Hearings continue tomorrow.

DETROIT POST OFFICE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee received testimony, in connection with its investigation of charges made against the conduct of the Detroit postmaster, Roscoe B. Huston, from the following witnesses: Roy LaForge, retired post office inspector of Detroit; Grover Trombley and Frank C. Middel, employees of the Detroit post office; First Assistant Postmaster General Vincent C. Burke; and James J. Doran, Chief Post Office Inspector, Post Office Department. This subcommittee meets in executive session on this subject next Tuesday.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twelve public bills, H. R. 6632-6643; three private bills, H. R. 6644-6646; and three resolutions, H. Res. 602-604, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. J. Res. 378, limiting the operation of sections 109 and 113 of the Criminal Code, and sections 361, 365, and 366 of the Revised Statutes (H. Rept. 1997);

H. R. 6098, providing for retention and maintenance of a national reserve of industrial productive capacity (H. Rept. 1998);

H. J. Res. 409, providing for membership and participation by the United States in the World Health Organization (H. Rept. 1999);

H. Res. 602, providing for consideration of, and I hour's debate on, H. J. Res. 409, providing for membership and participation by the United States in the World Health Organization (H. Rept. 2000);

H. Res. 603, providing for consideration of, and 2 hours' debate on, H. R. 6227, providing for home rule in the District of Columbia (H. Rept. 2001);

Disposition of certain executive papers (H. Rept.

2002);

S. 263, to provide for the carrying of mail on star routes (H. Rept. 2003);

H. R. 3734, Fur Products Labeling Act (H. Rept.

2004); and

Conference report on S. 110, amending Interstate Commerce Act with respect to certain agreements between carriers (H. Rept. 2005).

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Military Installations: Resumed consideration of and passed H. R. 6342, authorizing the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force to proceed with construction at military installations; subsequently, by unanimous consent, a similar bill, S. 1676, was taken from the Speaker's table and the provisions of the House bill inserted as an amendment, and the title was amended by inserting the title of the House bill, following which the House bill was tabled. The House insisted on its amendments, asked for a conference with the Senate, and appointed Representatives Bates, Arends, Cole of New York, Brooks, and Sasscer as conferees on the part of the House.

Sodium Leases: Passed S. 1006, to increase acreage of sodium leases which may be issued to any State, association, or corporation. H. Res. 591, providing for consideration of this measure, was laid on the table.

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Pacific Islands Investigation: Adopted H. Con. Res. 129, creating a joint committee to investigate our Pacific island possessions and trust territories for the purpose of recommending legislation establishing civil government.

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Meat Inspection: Passed S. 2256, providing for payment, by the United States, for cost of inspection of meat and meat products after July 1, 1948. Prior to passage of S. 2256 the House adopted H. Res. 598, providing for consideration of and 1 hour of general debate on the bill.

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State, Justice, Commerce Appropriation: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce, and Judiciary appropriation bill for 1949, agreed to conference requested by Senate, and appointed Representatives Stefan, Horan, Fenton, Clevenger, Rooney, Gary, and O'Brien as conferees.

Army Civil Functions Appropriations: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 5524, Army civil functions appropriation bill, agreed to conference requested by Senate, and Representatives Engel, Case of South Dakota, Tibbott, Scrivner, Kerr, Mahon, and Norrell were appointed conferees.

Mail Delivery: Adopted H. Res. 590, providing for consideration of, and 1 hour of general debate, on H. R. 2588, requiring all mails consigned to an airport from a post office or branch, or from an airport to a post office or branch, within a radius of 35 miles of a city in which there has been established a Government-owned vehicle service, to be delivered by Government-owned motor vehicles, then commenced general debate on the bill before postponing further consideration of the measure until next week.

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Committee Meetings

NATIONAL LAND POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Don McBride of the National Reclamation Association testified at the hearings on H. R. 6054, to establish a long-range land policy and conservation program, speaking favorably on the general objectives of the legislation, with suggested amendments. Adjourned until May 25.

PETROLEUM RESERVES

Committee on Armed Services: Organization subcommittee considered H. R. 5316, transfer from Secretary of Navy to Secretary of Interior of jurisdiction over lands within the boundaries of naval petroleum reserves Nos. 2 and 3, with Commodore William G. Greenman, Director of Naval Petroleum Reserves, testifying. No action was taken on the bill.

SECOND DECONTROL ACT

Committee on Banking and Currency: Representative Norblad testified and offered an amendment to include "nitrogenous compound," in the bill, H. R. 6571, continuing for a temporary period certain powers, authority, and discretion conferred on the President by the Second Decontrol Act of 1947. Col. Frank C. Norvell, Civil Affairs Division, Department of the Army, also testified with respect to fertilizer supplied to, and the needs of, the occupied countries. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UNION RELATIONS

Committee on Education and Labor: The Buck subcommittee continued hearings on the subject of relations between steamship companies and labor unions relative to employment restrictions, with the following witnesses testifying: C. G. Pandorf, secretary, Stockard Steamship Co.; Edward J. Tracy, special assistant for labor relations, and Charles W. Sanders, Assistant Chief, Marine Division, both of the U. S. Maritime Commission.

SURPLUS PROPERTY—PROPAGANDA—GAO AUDIT

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Subcommittee on Surplus Property, considering permanent legislation for disposal of surplus property, heard the following witnesses: W. E. Reynolds, Commissioner of Public Buildings, J. W. Fallon, Associate Administrator, Alan Johnstone, general counsel, and Maxwell Elliott, assistant general counsel, all of the Federal Works Agency. Also testifying were Patrick Kilday, assistant general counsel of the War Assets Administration; and Philip Nichols, Jr., and Julius Silverstein, both representing Bureau of Federal Supply. Hearings continue tomorrow.

The Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda, hearing charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California, received the testimony of Senator Wherry; Barrow Lyons, former Information Chief, Bureau of Reclamation, and R. F. Schmeiser, of Fresno, Calif. Adjourned until Monday, May 24.

Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings, considering the GAO audit of wartime railroad freight vouchers, heard Lindsay Warren, U. S. Comptroller General; and F. J. McCarty and E. E. Baum, both employees of the General Accounting Office, all of whom testified at the executive hearing. Will continue tomorrow.

WORLD HEALTH-UN STRUCTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Voted unanimously to report H. J. Res. 409, permitting U. S. participation in the World Health Organization and authorizing an appropriation therefor. This is a rewritten version of a previously reported resolution (H. J. Res. 161), and contains a new provision stating that nothing in the constitution of the World Health Organization involves any commitment to specific legislative action by the U. S. Congress. Other features of the measure are substantially the same as the original. Later held an executive session to consider legislation relating to UN structure and relations between the United Nations and the United States. Meeting continues tomorrow.

CIVIL AERONAUTICS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Heard the following witnesses relative to H. R. 4435, amending the Civil Aeronautics Act by redefining certain powers of the Administrator: George Burgess, Deputy Administrator, Civil Aeronautics Administration; Col. W. S. Dawson, who presented the statement of Brig. Gen. O. S. Picher, Department of the Air Force; and Robert Ramspeck, executive vice president, Air Transport Association of America.

MOTOR CARRIERS—COURTS—WATER RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 heard the following witnesses on H. R. 4205, to provide for the settlement and payment to certain motor carriers of claims against the United States for damages resulting from Federal possession, control, and operation in time of war of the carriers' transportation systems and properties: Ellis T. Longenecker, former Federal manager, Motor Carriers' Transportation System; and R. G. May, general counsel, Midwest Operators' Association. Also, the subcommittee heard Representative Goodwin in support of his bill, H. R. 6534, to define and limit the jurisdiction of the courts, to regulate actions arising under certain laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

Subcommittee No. 4 heard the following proponents on H. J. Res. 225 and related bills, to authorize the commencement of an action by the United States to determine interstate water rights in the Colorado River: Alfred Merritt Smith, Nevada State engineer; Hugh Shamberger, director of water development, State of Nevada; James H. Howard, general counsel, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; and Arvin B. Shaw, Jr., assistant attorney general, State of California.

ALASKAN TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Alaskan Problems further considered H. J. Res. 396 and 401, to continue the authority of the U. S. Maritime Commission relative to Alaska ocean transportation, with the following witnesses testifying: Malcolm D. Miller, special counsel for the attorney general of Alaska; Gerald Morgan, representing Alaska Transportation Co.; Marvin J. Coles, representing Alaska Freight Express Corp.; Rex Lee, Assistant Director, Territories and Island Possessions Division, Department of the Interior; Ernest Gruening, Governor of Alaska; and Gilbert W. Skinner, president, and Stanley Long, general counsel, Alaska Steamship Co. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

STAR ROUTES—ANNUITIES—RESEARCH

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. J. Res. 305, to issue fiftieth-anniversary stamp commemorative of the organization of Rough Riders, Spanish-American War;

S. 263, to provide for carrying mail on star routes;

H. R. 5189, to provide for a research and development program in the Post Office Department; and

H. R. 6454, amended, to provide annuities for Federal investigatory personnel with 20 years of service.

Considered H. R. 1876, the pay-increase bill for Post Office employees in Hawaii, and voted to inform the Postmaster General that he has adequate authority to put the provisions of this bill into effect under present law.

MINES AND MINING

Committee on Public Lands: The Subcommittee on Mines and Mining, on its study of strategic and critical metals and minerals, heard the following witnesses testify on the copper and mercury industries: Fletcher Plumley, attorney, Vermont Copper Co., and S. H. Williston, vice president and general manager, Cordero Mining Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Will meet tomorrow.

Ordered reported favorably to the full committee H. R. 6623, a bill establishing a Mine Incentive Payments Division within the Interior Department, and to stimulate production and conservation of strategic and critical metals and minerals.

D. C. HOME RULE-WORLD HEALTH

Committee on Rules: Reported H. Res. 603, providing 2 hours' debate on, and waiving points of order against H. R. 6227, D. C. home-rule and reorganization bill; and H. Res. 602, providing for 1 hour's debate on H. J. Res. 409, providing for U. S. participation in the World Health Organization and authorizing an appropriation therefor.

Representatives Andrews of New York and Kilday spoke further in favor of a resolution providing consideration of H. R. 6401, the selective-service bill.

Meets again tomorrow at 10:30 a.m.

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mrs. Ruth E. Dutcher, national president, and Mrs. Marie Jordan, executive director, both of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., testified at the public hearing on H. R. 5301 and allied measures, extending the educational and training benefits of the GI bill of rights to certain widows and children of deceased veterans.

COTTONSEED FUTURES

Special Committee Investigating Commodity Transactions: At the hearings relative to the cornering of the market in cottonseed-oil futures, the following officials of Best Foods Co., New York City, testified: Benjamin F. Nelson, vice president in charge of purchasing, and A. S. Yohalem, secretary. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Joint Committee Meetings

CARRIER AGREEMENTS

Conferees on S. 110, to amend the ICC Act relative to agreements between interstate carriers, voted to file a conference report on the bill. As the report was agreed to, it proposes that the Senate accept all of the House amendments to the measure.

FOREIGN ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Joint Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation: Committee met in executive session to consider some of its organizational problems, and the chairman announced after the meeting that it had agreed upon the appointment of certain members to its staff.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D363)

H. R. 1189, allowing seniority privilege of transfer to certain vacancies on rural-carrier routes. Signed May 18, 1948 (P. L. 530);

H. R. 1562, increasing the amount of Federal aid to State homes for disabled U. S. soldiers and sailors. Signed May 18, 1948 (P. L. 531);

H. R. 5035, authorizing attendance of Marine Band at GAR encampment. Signed May 18, 1948 (P. L. 532);

H. R. 4068, authorizing the FWA to construct a GAO building. Signed May 18, 1948 (P. L. 533);

H. R. 107, to acquire land in California for wildlife management and control. Signed May 18, 1948 (P. L. 534);

H. R. 4892, relative to retirement pay of officers who have served as assistant commandants or engineers in chief of the U. S. Coast Guard. Signed May 19, 1948 (P. L. 535);

H. R. 2000, for the relief of Jeffersonville flood-control district in Indiana. Signed May 19, 1948 (P. L. 536);

H. R. 4018, relating to the transfer of surplus lands for wildlife purposes. Signed May 19, 1948 (P. L. 537);

H. R. 5137, to amend the Immigration Act relative to nonquota immigrants. Signed May 19, 1948 (P. L. 538);

H. R. 5805, extending time for application for benefits of Mustering-Out Payment Act. Signed May 19, 1948 (P. L. 539);

H. R. 5933, relative to duty-free import of racing shells for preparation of the Olympic games. Signed May 19, 1948 (P. L. 540);

H. R. 3998, regulating casualty-insurance rates in the District of Columbia. Signed May 20, 1948 (P. L. 541);

H. R. 5118, sale of certain Indian lands in Flathead Reservation to the State of Montana. Signed May 20, 1948 (P. L. 542); and

H. R. 5651, authorizing conveyance of certain lands in South Dakota for municipal or public purposes. Signed May 20, 1948 (P. L. 543).

Friday, May 21, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate sustained President's veto on atomic-energy loyalty-test bill and considered Agriculture appropriations.

Senate District Committee approved various District of Columbia bills. Second Decontrol Act extension approved by House committee.

Conferees reached agreements on bills on surplus property and civil-service employees.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 6266-6268

Bills Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2718 to S. 2723; and S. J. Res. 221.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. J. Res. 162, to rescind orders by Secretary of Interior establishing Indian reservations in Alaska and repealing his authority to designate other reservations in the Territory, with amendments (S. Rept. 1366);

H. R. 4112, acceptance and use of additional funds for support of national weather service (S. Rept. 1367);

H. R. 4393, providing for distribution, promotion, separation, and retirement of officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey (S. Rept. 1368);

H. R. 4426, providing basic authority for certain functions and activities of the Weather Bureau (S. Rept.

1369);

H. R. 4427, establishing specific authority for routine administrative activities necessary to carry out the functions of the Department of Commerce (S. Rept. 1370);

H. R. 4804, granting service credit to certain enlisted

men of the Coast Guard (S. Rept. 1371);

H. R. 4817, amending Public Law 219 (80th Cong.) relative to the number of officers holding permanent appointments on the active list of the Coast Guard (S. Rept. 1372);

H. R. 3730, to amend Interstate Commerce Act to provide for recovery by initial carrier of legal costs in cases of damage and injury incurred by joint-hand

carriers (S. Rept. 1373);

H. R. 5298, establishing the Civil Air Patrol as a civilian auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force, with amendments (S. Rept. 1374);

S. 2406, recording of liens in the D. C. on vehicles

and trailers (S. Rept. 1375);

H. R. 5874, to establish a D. C. Armory Board, with amendment (S. Rept. 1376);

H. R. 6071, treatment of sexual psychopaths in the

D. C., with amendments (S. Rept. 1377);

S. 2040, objections and exceptions to awards of damages and assessments of benefits growing out of condemnation proceedings for the extension of Eastern Avenue in D. C., with amendments (S. Rept. 1378);

H. R. 6203, incorporating the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington a corporation sole (S. Rept.

1379);

H. R. 6209, amending the act incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation of the D. C.

(S. Rept. 1380);

H. J. Res. 380, 381, and 379, authorizing funds for expenses, granting permits to Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, and quartering participating troops in public buildings of the District (S. Repts. 1381, 1382, and 1384, respectively); and

H. J. Res. 395, extending the time for release, free of estate and gift tax, of powers of appointment, with amendments (S. Rept. 1383).

Presidential Message: President transmitted message recommending statehood for Alaska, which will be printed as S. Doc. 159.

Pages 6264-6266

Bill Referred: One House-passed bill was referred to appropriate committee.

Sodium Leases: Agreed to House amendment to S. 1006, to increase acreage of sodium leases which may be issued in any State to a person, association, or corporation, thus clearing the bill for the President.

Pages 6268-6269

Atomic Energy: By a vote of 47 yeas to 29 nays the Senate sustained the President's veto of S. 1004, atomic-energy loyalty-test bill.

Pages 6245-6264

Agriculture Appropriations: Senate worked on H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations for 1949, approving all committee amendments with this exception: The one raising funds for Market News Service by \$20,000 was increased by \$5,000, on motion of Senator Lodge.

Lodge amendment to increase by \$1,000,000 the amount of funds for soil-conservation research as recommended by the committee, was defeated.

Senator Umstead's amendment to the bill to increase by \$100 million the funds for conservation and use of agricultural land resources was defeated by 28 yeas to 34 nays.

Further action on the bill was deferred until Monday.

Pages 6269-6279, 6281-6284

Nominations: Senate received two civilian nominations.

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Confirmations: Senate confirmed nominations of Henry F. Grady, California, to serve as U. S. Representative in the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, UN; Robert Butler, Minnesota, to be Ambassador to Cuba; Ralph H. Ackerman, California, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic; George P. Shaw, California, to be Ambassador to Nicaragua; Richard L. Disney, Oklahoma, and Samuel B. Hill, Washington, to be judges of the U. S. Tax Court; one collector of internal revenue; and 24 sundry nominations to Diplomatic and Foreign Service.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN ECONOMIC AID

Committee on Appropriations: Committee continued its hearings on proposed appropriations for foreign economic aid, receiving testimony from witnesses listed below: William H. Draper, Jr., Under Secretary of Army; Lawrence Wilkinson, economic adviser to General Clay; Stanley Andrews, Chief of Food and Agricultural Division under General Clay; Lt. Col. C. H. Blumenfeld, Office of Under Secretary of Army; and Tracy Voorhees, Food Administrator for Occupied Areas, Department of Army.

DISTRICT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee opened and concluded hearings on H. R. 6430, D. C. appropriation bill for 1949, after receiving testimony on various items carried in the bill, from Commissioners John Russell Young and Brig. Gen. Gordon R. Young; Budget Officer Walter L. Fowler; Auditor Arthur R. Pilkerton; members of the school board; Dr. Marshall R. Shepard, Recorder of Deeds; and representatives of several welfare agencies in the District.

FARM LABOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor-Federal Security, in connection with its hearings on H. R. 6355, Federal Security Agency supplemental appropriations for 1949, concluded its hearings on the bill after receiving testimony from the following witnesses on importation of farm labor: Robert C. Goodwin.

Director of USES; Walter Erb, Assistant Director for Farm Placement of USES; William P. Darsie, chairman of the Farm Advisory Commission of California; Dean Stahman, grower and producer on Advisory Commission of New Mexico; and H. L. Mitchell, AFL.

D. C. BILLS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Committee approved the following bills for reporting:

Without amendment;

S. 2642, to amend D. C. Parking Act relative to offstreet parking;

S. 2643, compensation payment of liens to hospitals; H. R. 6203, incorporating the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington a corporation sole;

H. R. 6209, amending the act incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation of the D. C.;

S. 2406, relative to recording liens in D. C. on motor vehicles and trailers; and

H. J. Res. 379, 380, and 381, authorizing funds for expenses, granting permits to Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, and quartering participating troops in public buildings of the District;

With amendment;

H. R. 5874, to establish a D. C. Armory Board;

S. 2040, relative to condemnation proceedings for the extension of Eastern Avenue in D. C.; and

H. R. 6071, treatment of sexual psychopaths in the D. C.

The committee tabled:

S. 1666, to entitle employees of D. C. government, disabled in armed forces, to title, grade, and salary held before entry into service;

S. 2108, to exempt from taxation certain D. C. property of American Friends Service Committee;

S. 2486, D. C. teachers' pay increase; and

S. 968, to limit the number of taxicabs in the D. C.

It postponed further consideration of:

H. R. 2984, regulating the installation of radio or television antennas;

S. 2598, to permit certain investments of funds of insurance companies;

S. 2028, relative to possession or acquisition of dangerous weapons; and

S. J. Res. 174, to create a Committee on Capital Clearance for the D. C.

CARLSBAD IRRIGATION PROJECT

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation concluded hearings on S. 2286, Carlsbad irrigation project, after receiving testimony from the following proponents of the bill: Senator Hatch; Wesley Nelson, Bureau of Reclamation; Representative Fernandez; R. T. Spence, Carlsbad irrigation district; and John Bliss, New Mexico State engineer.

The following opponents also testified: Senator Connally; Representative Regan; Charles H. Miller, Pecos River Compact Commission for Texas; Judge J. E. Sturrock, Texas Water Conservation Association; and A. H. Woolverton, Texas State Board of Water Engineers.

FM AND TELEVISION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Committee continued hearings on the general subject of FM and television, receiving further testimony from Paul A. DeMars, consulting engineer, Washington, and Dr. Edwin H. Armstrong, inventor of FM.

AIRCRAFT-MILITARY SERVICE

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee held hearings on S. 2644, to provide for the development of civil transport aircraft adaptable for auxiliary military service, receiving testimony in support of the bill from Admiral L. B. Richardson, president, Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corp.; Arthur E. Raymond, vice president Douglas Aircraft; Burdette Wright, vice president, Curtiss-Wright; A. E. Lombard, Consolidated-Vultee; and Robert E. Gross, Lockheed Aircraft. F. B. Lee, Acting Administrator of CAA; John Nicholas Brown, Assistant Secretary of Navy for Air; and Cornelius V. Whitney, Under Secretary of Air Force, testified in support of the general objectives of the bill, but insisting on certain reservations. Hearings are expected to continue next week.

JAPANESE CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee concluded hearings on H. R. 3999, claims of persons of Japanese ancestry for losses arising out of forced evacuation during World War II, after receiving testimony from the following proponents of the bill: John J. McCloy, President of World Bank; Martin G. White, Solicitor, Interior Department; Dillon S. Meyer, president, Institute of Inter-American Affairs; Ed J. Ennis, attorney, New York; Francis Biddle, former Attorney General; Mike Masaoka, Japanese-American Citizens League; and Galen Fisher, Berkeley, Calif.

DISTRICT JUDGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee continued hearings on the nomination of Roy W. Harper, former chairman of the Democratic Party of Missouri, to be judge of the eastern and western districts of Missouri, receiving testimony on the nominee's personality, character, his general background, and some of his past activities, from Eugene Potashnick, Sikeston; Jesse A. Johnson, Caruthersville; W. B. Sharp, Malden; and Merrill Spitler, New Madrid, all of Missouri. Hearings continue on Monday.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Special subcommittee concluded hearings on bills to amend the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, affecting retirement and insurance benefits (S. 994, 2055, 2228, 2300, 2423, 2437, and 2438), after hearing the following witnesses express their views on the pending proposed legislation: Lester P. Schoene, counsel, Railway Labor Executives' Association, and Dr. L. H. Parmelee, vice president, Association of American Railroads, continuing from yesterday; J. R. Jones, International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; Mrs. Edythe Whitley, Tennessee Railroad Pensioners; and Clarence Carter, Railroad Pension Conference.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' EFFICIENCY RATINGS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee held hearings on S. Res. 105, to investigate the efficiency-rating systems for Federal employees, and S. Res. 124, to investigate complaints of civil-service employees as to efficiency ratings, and received testimony on efficiency ratings of employees of the Government and of private industry from the following witnesses: Dr. Rensa Lickert, University of Michigan; Tom Reid, vice president, McCormick & Co., Baltimore; H. N. Muller and A. J. Murphy, both of Westinghouse Electric Corp.; Glendon A. Scoboria, personnel director for the State of Connecticut; Herbert L. Rhoades, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of New York; Mrs. Kathryn McDonald, Personnel Officer for Macy's of New York; and John Overholt, Civil Service Commission. Subcommittee adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

FLOOD-CONTROL PROJECTS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control heard Senator Thomas of Oklahoma present evidence in support of flood-control projects at Bradens Bend, Okla. (emergency bank protection) and Greenleaf Lake, Okla. (dam reconstruction); Col. Herbert C. Gee, Army engineers, explained the projects; R. T. DeVany, administrative assistant to Senator Gurney, testified in support of Miner's Bend, S. Dak. (emergency bank protection).

OIL AND STEEL SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Subcommittees on Oil and Steel received testimony from the witnesses listed below on steel requirements for petroleum industry, with particular reference to independent oil producers: Russell B. Brown, National Petroleum Council's committee on petroleum industry steel requirements; Max Ball, Oil and Gas Division, Department of Interior; and J. E. Warren, Carl B. King Drilling Co., Midland, Texas. Subcommittees continue hearings on this subject next week.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 24, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

FOREST LANDS—REA LOANS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee No. 2, in executive session, voted to report the following bills favorably to the full committee:

S. 1090, to safeguard and consolidate certain areas of exceptional public value within the Superior National Forest, Minn.; and

H. R. 5733, authorizing annual appropriations for protection of forest lands.

Subcommittee No. 4 held hearings on, and later voted to report to the full committee:

S. 1087, to authorize use of REA loans to municipalities for payment of debts to TVA; and

H. R. 5861, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to the State of Oklahoma.

Testifying at these hearings were Representatives Albert, Murray of Tennessee, and Jones of Alabama; and F. W. Grover, Chief of the Division of Land Acquisition, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

SECOND DECONTROL ACT

Committee on Banking and Currency: Completed hearings on H. R. 6571, to continue for a temporary period certain powers, authority, and discretion conferred on the President by the Second Decontrol Act of 1947. Senator Morse and Representatives Abernethy and Whittington testified in favor of the Norblad amendment to include nitrogenous compound in any form, necessary for the manufacture and delivery of the nitrogenous fertilizer materials required for export.

Later in executive session the committee voted to introduce and report a clean bill to the House. This measure would include the "nitrogenous compound" allocation, as provided in the Norblad amendment; repeal of the allocation authority over cinchona bark, quinine, and quinidine; repeal the use of price criteria in exports; and require the Department of the Army to supply at least 50 percent of nitrogenous fertilizer material required for export to nonoccupied countries.

D. C. BILLS

Committee on District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Health, Education, and Recreation considered and voted to report the following bills to the full committee:

H. R. 6598, to provide for insanity proceedings;

H. R. 6524, to amend law regulating medical profession;

H. R. 6327, private bill; and

H. R. 4635, to amend regulations relating to barbers. The following witnesses testified: Guy Mason, D. C. Commissioner; Vernon West, Corporation Counsel; Doctor Gilbert, psychiatrist, Gallinger Hospital, District of Columbia; and Arthur J. Gross, attorney, Washington, D. C.

WORKMEN'S BENEFITS

Committee on Education and Labor: The Welfare Subcommittee voted to report favorably to the full committee:

H. R. 5739, to increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, with the language of S. 2237 substituted as an amendment to Representative Tollefson's bill; and

H. R. 6045, amending the act providing compensation for injuries, etc., of employees of contractors with United States.

GAO AUDIT

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings in executive meeting on the GAO audit of wartime railroad freight vouchers heard testimony of Lindsay C. Warren, Comptroller General, who was accompanied by members of his staff. Adjourned until Tuesday, May 25.

DOMESTIC TRAVEL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Opened hearings on H. R. 6136, to amend the act to encourage travel in the United States, approved July 19, 1940, with the following witnesses testifying: Representative Hand; Everett F. Greaton, president, and Mall W. Dodson, vice president, both of the National Association of Travel Officials; Robert Ramspeck, executive vice president, Air Transport Association of America, Washington, D. C.; Bruce Macnamee, National Federation of American Shipping, Washington, D. C.; Jack Scott, attorney, National Association of Motor Bus Operators, Washington, D. C.; and Mr. Bossemeyer, Chief, U. S. Traffic Division, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

BANKRUPTCY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Claims agreed to report 18 private claims bills favorably to the full committee, and 7 adversely.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization agreed to report three private immigration bills favorably to the full committee.

Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights agreed to report favorably to the full committee, H. R. 6216, to correct possible inequity in the case of a certain application for letters of patent to William R. Blair.

Subcommittee on Bankruptcy acted favorably on H. R. 6012, to amend section 77 of the Bankruptcy Act (prohibiting inclusion in any plan of reorganization any provision affecting existing authority of any State or State regulatory agency relating to service or rates). The bill was amended to show that it does not restrict any powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission under the Interstate Commerce Act. A clean bill will be introduced and reported to the full committee.

GOVERNMENT LANDS

Committee on Public Lands: The Subcommittee on Public Lands considered and ordered the following bills reported to the full committee:

H. R. 6000, authorizing Secretary of Interior to issue

patents for lands held under color of title;

S. 2240, to extend the boundaries of the Uinta and Wasatch National Forests, Utah;

S. 1037, revising the boundaries of the Caribou National Forest in Idaho; and

S. 1925, conveying certain land to city of Pierre, S. Dak.

Action was deferred on H. R. 2312, authorizing Secretary of Interior to acquire the property and facilities of Mount Rainier National Park Co. within Mount Rainier National Park.

The following witnesses were heard: Jacob N. Wasserman, chief counsel, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior, who testified on H. R. 6090 and S. 1037; Howard Hopkins, Assistant Chief of Lands Division, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, who testified on S. 2240 and S. 1037; and Newton B. Drury, Director, National Park Service, Department of Interior, who testified on H. R. 2312.

BUILDING LEASE

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds approved H. R. 6332, for reporting to the full committee. This measure would authorize the Commissioner of Public Buildings to lease a federally owned building to the Temple Methodist Church of San Francisco, Calif. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

CIGARETTE TAXES

Committee on Rules: Reported a resolution providing 2 hours of debate on H. R. 5645, a bill to assist States in collecting sales and use taxes on cigarettes. Heard in favor of the resolution were Representatives Jenkins of Ohio, Rogers of Florida, Mills, and Camp. Represent-

ative Boggs of Delaware opposed the resolution. Adjourned until Monday at 2:30 p.m.

WAR PRISONERS' BENEFITS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Compensation and Pensions held hearing on H. R. 5851, to amend Servicemen's Readjustment Act regarding veterans who were prisoners of war for more than 2 years. Representative Lusk, sponsor of the bill, testified on the legislation.

Joint Committee Meetings

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' PAY INCREASE

Joint Meeting: Subcommittees of the House and Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committees met in executive session to consider bills on pay increases for Government employees, but made no announcement of action taken. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

CIVIL-SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Senate and House Conferees on S. 1486, to pay salaries for period of separation from Government service to persons improperly removed, agreed to file a conference report on the bill. As approved by the conferees, the House-passed version of the bill was accepted, after it had been modified to eliminate all references to removal of Federal employees on national security grounds.

Conferees on H. R. 4236, preventing discrimination against physically handicapped persons in the civil service, agreed to file a conference report on the bill, after eliminating section 2 of the bill, as approved by the Senate. Section 2 is concerned with war-service physically handicapped employees in postal service receiving civil service status after 1 year of service. In effect, the Senate conferees accepted the bill as passed by the House.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Conferees on S. 2277, to amend the Surplus Property Act of 1944 so as to dispose of surplus real property to States, political subdivisions, and municipalities for public parks, etc., agreed to file a conference report on the bill. As agreed upon, the conferees propose that the two Houses accept substantially the Senate-passed version of the bill.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D373)

H. R. 3350, relative to navigation rules on western rivers. Signed May 21, 1948 (P. L. 544);

H. R. 3505, to rehabilitate oyster beds in Mississippi and Louisiana. Signed May 21, 1948 (P. L. 545); and

H. R. 5543, construction of dam on Lumber Niver, N. C. Signed May 21, 1948 (P. L. 546).

Monday, May 24, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed 110 unobjected-to bills on call of calendar, and continued work on Agriculture appropriations.

House debated D. C. home-rule bill.

Senate groups approved bills on Treasury-Post Office appropriations, housing, international bank, immigration, Indians, public lands, parks, and Joint Board of Defense.

Rules Committee cleared reciprocal-trade-agreements bill for House action.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 6313-6316

Bills Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2724 to S. 2735; and S. J. Res. 222.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 1572, private bill (S. Rept. 1385);

H. R. 5708, exempting certain members of the permanent Joint Board of Defense, U. S.-Canada, from statutory restrictions on certain activities (S. Rept. 1386);

S. 2636, to amend SEC Acts of 1933 and 1934 and the National Banking Act, to exempt the securities of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development from security requirements (S. Rept. 1387);

S. 2155, to transfer jurisdiction over certain school buildings in Vanport, Oreg., to the FWA, and to authorize the rebuilding of a portion of one that was destroyed by fire, with amendments (S. Rept. 1388);

H. R. 5770, Treasury-Post Office appropriations for

1949, with amendments (S. Rept. 1389);

S. Res. 236, to extend the life of the Immigration Investigating Committee until March 1, 1949, and to provide an additional \$50,000 for that purpose (S. Rept. 1390);

S. 1243, to provide payment of revenues from certain lands into the tribal funds of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, with

amendment (S. Rept. 1391); and

Minority views on S. 2589, to provide for extension of terms of office of present members of the AEC (pt. 2 of S. Rept. 1342).

Pages 6285-6288, 6313-6314

New Senator: President pro tempore administered oath of office to W. C. Feazel as Senator from Louisiana.

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Presidential Message: President transmitted message urging enactment of legislation to broaden the social-security system.

Pages 6313, 6368-6370

Land Easement: Senate reconsidered its earlier passage of S. 2291, easement of lands adjacent to Fort Myers Army Airfield, Fla., and in lieu thereof passed H. R. 5836, a similar bill.

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Calendar Bills Passed: On call of the calendar, 110 unobjected-to bills, of which 44 were private, were passed as follows:

Without amendment and cleared for President:

Alaskan lands: H. R. 5122, permitting increase of tax on assessed valuation of lands in Alaska;

Hawaii: H. R. 3635, ratifying joint resolution by Legislature of Hawaii on sale of public lands for homesteads;

Stamp: H. J. Res. 339, to authorize issuance of special postage-stamp series in honor of volunteer firemen;

Alaska from Anchorage land district to that of Fairbanks;

Hawaii bonds: H. R. 5175, relative to issuance of public improvement bonds by Hawaii;

Alaska: H. R. 1608, authorizing Postmaster General to contract for certain powerboat service in Alaska;

Stamp: H. J. Res. 371, to issue golden-anniversary stamp commemorating the consolidation of the five boroughs of New York City;

Wildlife: H. R. 3578, reducing the area of Parker

River National Wildlife Refuge, Mass.;

Hawaii bonds: H. R. 3954, approving Act 74 of Hawaiian Legislature relative to public bonds;

Hawaii: H. R. 3633, to amend Hawaiian Homes Commission Act designating certain public lands as available home lands;

Hawaii: H. R. 4091, ratifying an act of Hawaii, 1947; Alaska: H. R. 183, transfer of lot in Fairbanks, Alaska; School: H. R. 4823, providing school facilities at Yellowstone National Park;

War dead: H. R. 5870, to provide additional allowances for escort of war dead;

Surplus lands: H. R. 4551, relative to surplus Government lands to Cape Hatteras seashore recreational area project;

Homesteads: H. R. 5244, credits in connection with homestead interests of certain World War II veterans;

Roads: H. R. 5839, to convey to States, or participating subdivisions, roads to certain historical areas administered by the Department of Interior;

Land oaths: H. R. 4513, to eliminate requirements of

oaths in certain land matters;

Public land: H. R. 4512, to convey land to State of Oklahoma for Northeastern State College, Okla.;

Fort Peck: H. R. 4201, authorizing payments to school district serving Fort Peck project in Montana;

Hawaii: H. R. 5173, to amend Hawaiian Homes Commission Act by designating certain public lands as available home lands;

Colorado River: H. R. 5901, Colorado River development fund;

Aliens: H. R. 5922, relating to the issuance of reentry permits to certain aliens;

Minerals: H. R. 6302, amend Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 relative to options;

Coast Guard: H. R. 4804, granting service credit to

certain enlisted men of the Coast Guard;

Coast Guard: H. R. 4817, amending Public Law 219 (80th Cong.) relative to the number of officers holding permanent appointments on the active list of the Coast Guard;

Weather Bureau: H. R. 4426, providing basic authority for certain functions and activities of the Weather Bureau;

Coast and Geodetic: H. R. 4393, providing for distribution, promotion, separation, and retirement of officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey;

Catholic Archbishop: H. R. 6203, incorporating the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington a corporation sole;

Inaugural ceremonies: H. J. Res. 379, 380, and 381, authorizing funds for expenses, granting permits to Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, and quartering participating troops in public buildings of the District;

Episcopal Cathedral: H. R. 6209, amending the act incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation of the D. C.;

Carrier damage: H. R. 3730, to amend Interstate Commerce Act to provide for recovery by initial carrier from connecting carriers of legal costs in cases of damage and injury incurred on lines of connecting carriers; and

Private bills: 18 private bills: H. R. 4672, 3695, 4593, 2760, 926, 3640, 892, 4484, 4443, 2218, 1916, 3358, 350, 4377, 3526, 4379, 2384, and 3644.

With amendment to be sent back to House:

Indians: H. R. 2878, to revise the roll of Indians of California;

Public lands: H. R. 4461, to approve performance in the field of certain functions relating to public lands;

Irrigation: H. R. 3731, authorizing modifications in the repayment contracts within lower Yellowstone irrigation district; Fish: H. R. 3785, authorizing Minnesota to condemn certain lands for fish propagation;

Claims: H. R. 669, authorizing Secretary of Navy to settle all claims against the U. S. resulting from explosions at Port Chicago, Calif., in July 1944;

Civil Air Patrol: H. R. 5298, establishing the Civil Air Patrol as a civilian auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force;

D. C. Armory: H. R. 5874, to establish a D. C. Armory Board;

Sexual psychopaths: H. R. 6071, treatment of sexual psychopaths in D. C.;

Powers of appointment: H. J. Res. 395, extending the time for release, free of estate and gift tax, of powers of appointment; and

Private bills: 5 private bills: H. R. 3805, 703, 1508, 2131,

and 5716.

Without amendment and cleared for House:

Court of Claims: S. Res. 231, resolution referring S. 662, private bill, to the Court of Claims;

Preston Bench: S. 1987, to authorize construction of Preston Bench project, Idaho;

Puerto Rico: S. 2592, return of certain lands to Puerto Rico;

Land easement: S. 2593, easement of land at Pungo, Va.;

Park: S. 2251, donating recreational park to Great Lakes, Ill.;

Memorial Day: S. J. Res. 217, requesting President to designate Memorial Day of 1948 as a day for Nationwide prayer for peace;

D. C. vehicles: S. 2406, recording of liens in the D. C. on vehicles and trailers; and

Private bills: 10 private bills: S. 1573, 2440, 107, 709, 1606, 1730, 1964, 83, 1364, and 1303.

With amendment and cleared for House:

Nome Harbor: S. 1025, improving harbor at Nome, Alaska;

Mineral lands: S. J. Res. 203, to ratify contract for purchase of certain mineral land from the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians;

Snake River: S. 1445, State compact over division of waters of the Snake River;

Land transfer: S. 2254, land transfer in Fort Robinson Military Reservation, Crawford, Nebr.;

Coordinator: S. 2508, to increase salary of Coordinator of Federal Agencies in Puerto Rico;

Disbursing: S. 1747, to authorize credit in certain accounts of U. S. property and disbursing officers under the War Department;

Heart diseases: S. 2215, to provide for research and control relating to diseases of the heart and circulation;

Postage: S. J. Res. 193, to grant free postage to members of armed forces while confined in military or naval hospital, and certain veterans under treatment;

Florida land: S. 2496, to convey certain public land to Pinellas County, Fla;

Longshoremen: S. 2237, to increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Work-

ers' Compensation Act;

Circuit judge: S. 1476, to require senior circuit judge to designate another judge to sit in the place of any judge against whom an affidavit of personal bias and prejudice has been filed;

Veterans' hospital: S. 1035, veterans' hospital at Camp

White, Medford, Oreg.;

CAA: S. 2455, to amend the CAA of 1938 by limiting the liability of certain persons not in possession of aircraft;

CAA: S. 2454, amending the CAA of 1938 to make further provision for recording of title to, interest in, and encumbrances upon certain aircraft;

Aviation: S. 2456, to provide safety in aviation and to direct an investigation of causes and characteristics of

thunderstorms;

D. C. avenue: S. 2040, objections and exceptions to awards of damages and assessments of benefits growing out of condemnation proceedings for the extension of Eastern Avenue in D. C.; and

Private bills: 11 private bills: S. 1504, 424, 1835, 1337,

765, 1409, 933, 660, 2059, 158, and 873.

Pages 6285, 6289-6313

Agriculture Appropriations: Senate continued on H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations for 1949, adopting by 41 yeas to 38 nays the Russell amendment increasing by \$75 million funds for soil conservation.

Also adopted were the following amendments, all

by voice vote:

By Senator Young, making available to Federal Crop Insurance Corporation the unobligated balance of its 1948 appropriation.

By Senator Magnuson, to revive FCA in regions

where economic distress prevails.

By Senator Wherry, earmarking for preliminary surveys \$2,070,500 of the \$6 million provide for flood control.

Senate continues on this bill tomorrow.

Pages 6316, 6319-6336

Nominations: Senate received nominations of Frieda B. Hennock, New York, to be member of FCC, and of Charles Franklin Brannan, Colorado, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

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Committee Meetings

FOREIGN ECONOMIC AID

Committee on Appropriations: Committee, in connection with its hearings on proposed appropriations for foreign economic aid, heard the following witnesses discuss appropriations for the International Children's Emergency Fund: Maurice Pate, executive director, United Nations International Children's Emergency

Fund; Betty Jacobs, special assistant to Mr. Tate; and Katherine F. Lenroot, Children's Bureau of Social Security Administration. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TREASURY-POST OFFICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: In executive session the committee voted to report H. R. 5770, Treasury-Post Office appropriations for 1949. As approved, the bill would appropriate \$2,010,601,200, an increase of \$28,878,850 over the House-approved figure of \$1,981,722,350. The amount of regular and supplemental budget estimates, on which these appropriations are based, total \$2,044,949,200.

TIN

Committee on Armed Services: In hearings on the question of the feasibility of further extension of Government control over the production of tin in the U. S. as authorized under Public Law 125 of the Eightieth Congress, subcommittee heard John Croston, National Security Resources Board; George Jewitt, RFC; and E. Vogelsang, Department of Commerce, discuss the world situation with regard to tin and steps which have been taken to cope with the problem. Subcommittee meets again Wednesday.

HOUSING AND INTERNATIONAL BANK

Committee on Banking and Currency: The committee ordered reported, without amendment, S. 2636, to amend SEC Acts of 1933 and 1934 and the National Banking Act, to exempt securities of International Bank for Reconstruction and Development from SEC requirements, after receiving testimony in support of the bill from Eugene Black, executive director for the U. S. for that Bank.

William Reckman, American Banking Association, testified in opposition to H. R. 2799, amending Federal Home Loan Bank and National Housing Act relative to certain capital-stock retirements and insurance premiums and assessments, as well as in opposition to certain proposed amendments to the bill by the HHFA.

Also it ordered reported, with amendment, H. R. 2798, amending Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, regarding State conversion of Federal savings and loan associations, after striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting therefor the language of S. 2415, a somewhat similar bill, with amendments, as well as that of S. 2416, providing that expenses in connection with examinations shall be considered as nonadministrative.

The following three measures were also favorably approved: S. 2417, to reduce the premium charge of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation from that of one-eighth to that of one-twelfth percent; S. 2155, to transfer jurisdiction over certain school buildings in Vanport, Oreg., to the FWA, and to authorize the rebuilding of a portion of one that was

destroyed by fire, with amendments; and S. 2495, to authorize adjustment of rentals paid for premises leased for 10 or more years for use as post offices.

A special subcommittee met on most of these bills before the full committee met. Committee meets again tomorrow.

IRRIGATION-INDIANS-PUBLIC LANDS-PARKS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: In executive session the committee ordered reported the following bills, without amendment: H. R. 4954, authorizing construction of Kennewick division of Yakima irrigation project, Washington; S. 1243, to provide payment of revenues from certain lands into the tribal funds of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon; H. R. 3680 and H. R. 6091, amending Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920; H. R. 5587, adding certain lands to Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, N. Dak.; H. R. 5816, amending the act relative to establishment of Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, N. Dak.; and H. R. 6056, construct railroad right-of-way in Richmond County, N. Y.

With amendment: S. J. Res. 202, to change the name of Potholes Dam in the Columbia Basin project to O'Sullivan Dam; S. 1183, to incorporate the Virgin Islands Corporation; and S. 1274 and S. 1275, private lands bills.

CAA

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee held hearings on S. 2466, to amend the CAA of 1938 to redefine certain powers of the Administrator, and received testimony in support of the bill from Robert Ramspeck, Air Transport Association; Col. W. S. Dawson, Air Force; and George Burgess, Deputy Administrator of the CAA.

IMMIGRATION—TIDELANDS—ANTILYNCHING— ANTIMONOPOLY

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session the committee ordered reported without amendment H. R. 5708, exempting certain members of the Permanent Joint Board on Defense, U. S.-Canada, from statutory restrictions on certain activities; S. Res. 236, to extend the life of the Immigration Investigating Committee until

March 1, 1949, and to authorze an additional \$50,000 for that purpose; and H. R. 1572, private bill.

The nominations of two Federal marshals for the

State of Alabama were also reported.

Committee also considered bills on antilynching; S. 1988, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams; and S. 1260, to provide for settlement of claims for damages resulting from Federal operation of 103 motor carriers, but did not reach a final vote on reporting any one of them.

The antimonopoly bill (S. 104) was rereferred to subcommittee for further study.

DISTRICT JUDGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee continued hearings on the nomination of Roy W. Harper, to be judge of the eastern and western districts of Missouri, with Mr. Harper and Federal Judge John M. Dalton testifying in support of the nomination.

GOVERNMENT CAFETERIAS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee in executive session continued its work on drafting a proposed bill on the existing Government Services, Inc., situation.

FLOOD CONTROL ON RED RIVER

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control, in hearings on S. 2674, flood control work on the Red River of the North, Minn. and N. Dak., received testimony from Col. H. C. Gee, Corps of Engineers, on the report of the Army engineers on this project. Senators Young and Thye and Representative Hagen all urged the necessity of flood control on the Red River of the North. Also heard in favor of the project were Dean H. L. Walster, North Dakota Agricultural College; E. V. Willard, assistant commissioner, Department of Conservation, Minn.; W. B. Tarbell, city engineer, Fargo, N. Dak.; Byron J. Rockwood, city manager, Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Norman Larson, State senator, Ada, Minn.; W. C. Ripley, merchant and former mayor, Ada, Minn.; and Gilford M. Thompson, county commissioner, Ada, Minn. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirty-seven public bills, H. R. 6647-6683; eight private bills, H. R. 6684-6691; and seven resolutions, H. Res. 605-611, were introduced.

Pages 6343, 6368, 6374-6375

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 6402, extending the terms of office of present members of the Atomic Energy Commission (H. Rept. 1973, pt. II);

H. Res. 605, providing for the consideration of, and 2 hours of general debate on, H. R. 5645, to assist States

in collecting sales and use taxes on cigarettes (H. Rept. 2006):

H. R. 5189, to provide for a research and development program in the Post Office Department (H. Rept. 2007):

H. R. 3934, amending Public Health Service Act with respect to venereal disease rapid treatment centers

(H. Rept. 2008);

H. R. 6556, extending the Reciprocal Trade Agree-

ments Act (H. Rept. 2009);

Conference report on H. R. 4236, to remove certain discrimination in the appointment of physically handicapped persons to civil-service positions (H. Rept. 2010);

Conference report on S. 1486, providing for salary payments for periods of separation from Government service in the case of persons improperly removed from such service (H. Rept. 2011);

Six private bills: H. R. 2412, 2551, 2552, 4261, 4298,

and 4516 (H. Repts. 2012-2017, respectively);

H. R. 4531, for the relief of the city and county of San Francisco (H. Rept. 2018);

H. R. 5169, a private bill (H. Rept. 2019);

H. R. 1043, authorizing additional research for eradication of cattle grubs (H. Rept. 2020);

H. Res. 452, requesting the Secretary of Agriculture to act to prevent damage to crops from use of weed killer 2,4-D (H. Rept. 2021);

H. R. 6659, extending certain powers of the President under the Second Decontrol Act (H. Rept. 2022);

H. R. 5111, changing the base period for determination of parity for Maryland tobacco (H. Rept. 2023); and

H. Res. 608, providing for consideration of, and 3 hours of general debate on, H. R. 6556, extending Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act (H. Rept. 2024).

Pages 6343, 6352, 6368, 6373-6374

Carrier Agreements: Adopted conference report on S. 110, amending Interstate Commerce Act with respect to certain agreements between carriers. Pages 6350-6351

Navigation Aids: Insisted on its amendments to S. 1853, authorizing the Coast Guard to establish, maintain, and operate aids to navigation, agreed to a conference requested by the Senate, and appointed Representatives Weichel, Hand, Latham, Bland, and Hart as conferees.

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Presidential Messages: Heard a message from the President recommending Statehood for Alaska which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and ordered printed (S. Doc. No. 159).

Received a message from the President containing five recommendations for changes in the social-security system which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. No. 676).

Pages 6351, 6368-6370

Mail Delivery: Resumed consideration of, and passed with amendments, H. R. 2588, requiring all mails con-

signed to an airport from a post office or branch, or from an airport to a post office or branch, within a radius of 35 miles of a city in which there has been established a Government-owned vehicle service, to be delivered by Government-owned motor vehicles.

Pages 6354-6361

D. C. Home Rule: Adopted H. Res. 603, providing for consideration of, and 2 hours of general debate on, H. R. 6227, providing for home rule and reorganization in the District of Columbia. After 30 minutes of debate, the House postponed further consideration of the bill until May 25.

Pages 6362-6368, 6370-6373

Committee Meetings

ALASKA FARM LOANS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee No. 3 met on Saturday, May 22, to consider H. R. 2735, to permit loans for buying farms consisting of public lands in Alaska and allows their resale for accrued charges if entry is canceled or relinquished. Delegate Bartlett, of Alaska, testified. No action was taken on the legislation.

CIVIL TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

Committee on Armed Services: The Subcommittee on Air Matériel held hearings last Saturday and today on H. R. 6501, to provide for the development of civil transport aircraft adaptable for auxiliary military service, with representatives of aircraft industries testifying on both days, as follows: Robert E. Gross, president, Lockheed Aircraft Crop.; Arthur E. Raymond, vice president, Douglas Aircraft Co.; Albert E. Lombard, Jr., military sales manager, Consolidated Vultee Corp.; Burdette S. Wright, vice president, Curtiss-Wright Corp.; and Lawrence B. Richardson, president, Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corp.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Resumed hearings on S. 866, T-E-W housing bill, and related measures to establish and carry out a national housing policy, with the following Members of Congress testifying: Representatives Javits, Bakewell, Wheeler, and Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin. Senator McCarthy offered an amendment to the public housing section of the bill which would make it welfare housing. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Public Service, Streets, and Traffic ordered the following bills reported to the full committee: H. R. 6295, providing increased retirement and death pensions for D. C. Fire and Police Departments, and H. R. 6522, providing for removal of weeds in the District. Vernon E. West, D. C. Corporation Counsel, spoke in favor of both bills. Testifying in favor of the increased-pension bill were Cpl. Ras Neilsen, representing the D. C. Police-

men's Association; Capt. Joseph Conroy, representing the D. C. Firemen's Association; and Richard A. Burton, representing the Retired Policemen's Association.

UNION RELATIONS

Committee on Education and Labor: Lt. Comdr. Roland J. Robert, U. S. Maritime Service, testified before the Buck subcommittee at its hearings on the subject of relations between steamship companies and labor unions relative to employment restrictions. Adjourned until Thursday, May 27.

PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda heard the testimony of Thomas F. Simpson, a committee investigator, relative to its study of certain propaganda activities in the Bureau of Reclamation in California. Hearings continue tomorrow.

JURORS—PEACE—PETROLEUM CONTRACTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 1 gave further consideration to H. R. 945 (amended), relating to the payment of fees, expenses, and costs of jurors, and H. J. Res. 406, requesting Presidential proclamation designating Memorial Day 1948 as a day of Nation-wide prayer for peace, and agreed to report both favorably to the full committee.

Subcommittee No. 4 heard the following witnesses on H. R. 4659, to ratify and confirm amendments to certain contracts for the furnishing of petroleum products to the United States: Senator Holland; Mr. Winship, secretary to Representative Sikes; Fred L. Sanford, president, Sanford Service Co., Inc., De Funiak Springs, Fla.; Melvin L. Nevitt, San Diego, Calif.; Hudson Cox, general counsel, Navy Department; W. L. Ellis, General Accounting Office; and Mr. Barksdale, of Houston, Tex. This bill was subsequently approved for reporting to the full committee.

GULF-COAST FISHERIES

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Salt-Water and Shellfish Problems considered and approved for reporting to the full committee H. R. 4365, to grant consent of Congress to interstate compact for utilization of fisheries of Gulf coast. Testifying on the legislation were Representative Domengeaux, sponsor of the bill, followed by Newton W. Edwards, member of Governors' Council of State, Chicago, Ill.; Thomas A. Johnston III, member of Alabama State Legislature; and Milton C. James, Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior Department. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

POSTAL PROMOTIONS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The Stevenson subcommittee voted to report favorably to the full

committee H. R. 4786, to provide promotions for temporary employees of the custodial service of the postal service. The following witnesses testified: Ross A. Messer, Washington representative, National Association of Post Office Custodial Employees; Ismar Baruch, chief, Personnel Classification Division, Civil Service Commission; and Fred Cornwell, superintendent, Division of Federal Buildings, Operations and Supplies, Post Office Department.

PUBLIC LANDS BILLS

Committee on Public Lands: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

S. 1037, authorize revision of boundaries of Caribou National Forest, Idaho (amended);

S. 1871, to restore certain lands to the town site of Wadsworth, Nev.;

S. 1925, to convey certain land to the city of Pierre, S. Dak.;

S. 1933, to convey certain lands in Montana to school district 55, Roosevelt County, Mont.;

S. 1941, private land bill;

S. 2240, to include certain lands within the Uinta and Wasatch National Forests, Utah;

H. R. 3685, to authorize sale of the Wyandotte Indian public burial ground in Kansas City, Kans.;

H. R. 3807, operation of recreational facilities within demonstration area near Thurmont, Md.;

H. R. 5147, private land bill;

H. R. 5313, to authorize construction of Preston Bench project, Idaho, (amended);

H. R. 5416, promote interests of the Fort Hall Indian irrigation project, Idaho;

H. R. 5555, to amend act relating to sale of public

lands by Secretary of Interior (amended);
H. R. 6028, to authorize appropriations for the Bureau

of Reclamation for payments to school districts on certain projects during their construction (amended);

H. R. 6090, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents for lands held under color of title (amended);

H. R. 6233, conveyance of certain public lands to Pinellas County, Fla. (amended);

H. R. 6239, to provide for the suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in Alaska:

H. R. 6335, providing for the suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in the United States;

H. R. 6457, to provide for disposition of lands on the Cabazon, Augustine, and Torres-Martinez Indian Reservations (amended);

H. R. 6502, to amend the Organic Act of Puerto Rico; and

H. R. 6623, to establish a Mine Incentive Payments Division within the Department of Interior, to stimulate production of strategic and critical metals and minerals. The Subcommittee on Indian Affairs had previously considered S. 1871, 1933, 1941, and H. R. 5147 and 3685, and approved them for reporting to the full committee. (For titles, see reported bills above.) John H. Provinse, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, testified on these bills, with the exception of S. 1871. He stated, however, that the Interior Department approved the suggested amendment to that bill.

Also, a delegation of Indians of the Fort Berthold Reservation of the projected Garrison Dam area were heard regarding their problems in relocating and compensation for their lands, as follows: George Gillett, chairman of the tribal business council; Ralph H. Case, general counsel, Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and Delegates Mark Mahto, Jefferson B. Smith, Joseph Packenau, James Hall, and Earl Batemen. Adjourned until Wednesday, May 26.

RECIPROCAL TRADE—NAVY UTILITIES

Committee on Rules: Reported a resolution providing 3 hours' debate on, barring amendments to, and waiving points of order against, H. R. 6556, extension of Presidential authority to negotiate reciprocal-trade agreements. Representatives Knutson and Gearhart spoke in favor of the resolution, while Representatives Doughton, Cooper, and Forand were heard in opposition.

Also considered H. R. 6341, the Navy public works bill, with Representative Bates of Massachusetts speaking in favor of granting a rule. Will continue on this subject at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow, and also consider rule on H. R. 6401, selective-service bill.

ALIEN SPECULATION

Select Committee Investigating Commodity Transactions: Will issue a report tomorrow on "Aliens' Commodity Speculation."

Joint Committee Meetings

LABOR

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: The joint committee began its three weeks of scheduled hearings on labor-management relations.

Senator Ives testified in support of his bill, S. 2614, to amend the NLRA so as to eliminate the necessity of holding an election as a condition to the making of an agreement requiring membership in a labor organization as a condition of employment, and Representative Landis in support of his bill, H. R. 6455, to amend the NLRA to eliminate certain elections required by such act. Paul Herzog, chairman, NLRB, and Robert N. Denham, general counsel, NLRB, discussed the case load imposed on the NLRB as a result of the union-shop elections. Hearings continue tomorrow.

BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Law

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D378)

H. R. 6226, making supplemental appropriations for national defense for fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, involving over \$3 billion for construction of airplanes. Signed May 21, 1948 (P. L. 547).

Tuesday, May 25, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Agriculture appropriations bill, and debated displaced-persons proposal.

House debated D. C. home-rule bill.

Senate groups approved armed-service bills, four treaties, and scheduled hearings on the Communist-control measure.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 6376-6382

Bills Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2736 to S. 2745; and S. J. Res.

Pages 6380-6381

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 2798, amending Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, regarding State conversion of Federal savings and loan associations, with amendment (S. Rept. 1392);

S. 2417, to reduce the premium charge of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation from that of one-eighth to that of one-twelfth percent (S. Rept. 1393);

S. 2495, to authorize adjustment of rentals paid for premises leased for 10 or more years for use as post offices, with amendments (S. Rept. 1394);

S. 2642, to amend D. C. Parking Act relative to offstreet parking, with amendments (S. Rept. 1395); and

S. 2643, compensation payment of liens to D. C. hospitals (S. Rept. 1396).

Bill Referred: One House-passed bill was referred to appropriate committee.

Snake River: Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H. R. 3603, State compact over division of waters of the Snake River, and the bill was passed. Prior passage of S. 1445, a similar bill, was reconsidered and indefinitely postponed.

Pages 6381-6382

Military Construction: Senate asked for a conference on S. 1676, Army and Air Force construction at military installations, and appointed as conferees Senators Gurney, Saltonstall, Morse, Tydings, and Russell.

Pages 6382-6383

Agriculture Appropriations: Senate, by voice vote, passed H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations for 1949, asked for a conference on it, and appointed as conferees Senators Brooks, Gurney, Reed, Bushfield, Russell, Hayden, and Tydings. During consideration of the bill the following action was taken on proposed amendments:

By voice vote, adopted Stewart amendment to increase school-lunch fund from \$65 million to \$75 million.

Prior action by which Senate adopted committee amendment increasing funds for Forest Products Laboratory by \$125,000 was reconsidered. Senator Wiley's amendment to increase funds for this laboratory to \$1,250,000 was then adopted by 44 yeas to 39 nays.

By 38 yeas to 42 nays, rejected Young amendment providing that distribution of payments and grants for AAA 1949 program shall be on basis of 1947 programs rather than on basis of conservation needs of the several States.

Pages 6384-6394

Displaced Persons: Senate returned to consideration of S. 2242, to authorize the admission within 2 years of 100,000 displaced persons for permanent residence, debating the bill at some length.

Pages 6394, 6396-6407

Nominations: Two civilian, one Coast Guard, and six Navy nominations were received.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee, in executive session, considered S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program, which was reported to the Senate on May 17, and agreed to report various perfecting amendments on the subject which will be offered to the bill when it is brought

up in the Senate for debate. Committee meets again Thursday to consider the nomination of Charles F. Brannan to be Secretary of Agriculture.

GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS APPROPRIATION—TVA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee opened hearings on H. R. 6481, Government Corporations appropriations, 1949, with the following witnesses testifying on funds for steam plant at New Johnsonville, Tenn., as a part of TVA system: Senators Sparkman, Hill, Stennis, and Stewart; Gordon Clapp, member of the TVA Board; G. O. Wessenauer, Manager of Power for TVA; Frank Ahlgren, editor, Commercial Appeal, Memphis; Mayor Jim Pleasants, Memphis; Mayor Tom Cummings, Nashville; and Mayor Hugh Wasson, Chattanooga. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FOREIGN ECONOMIC AID

Committee on Appropriations: Continuing hearings on proposed appropriations for foreign economic aid, the committee received testimony from Paul G. Hoffman, Administrator of the ECA; Richard M. Bissell, Jr., Assistant Deputy Administrator for ECA; Frank Cawley, budget officer of the ECA; Walter Newbold Walmsley, economic counselor, Rome; and Frederic P. Bartlett, commercial attaché, United Kingdom. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ARMED-SERVICE BILLS REPORTED

Committee on Armed Services: The following bills were approved for reporting to the Senate:

With amendment:

S. 2554, to promote the common defense by providing for retention and maintenance of a national reserve of industrial productive capacity, and

S. 2505, to clarify the position of the Secretary of the Air Force and to authorize Secretaries of Army, Navy, and Air Force to establish 15 positions each in the professional and scientific service, and the Secretary of Defense to establish 6;

Without amendment:

H. R. 3735, to convey Santa Rosa Island, Fla., to Okaloosa County;

H. R. 5283, providing for disposal of surplus sand at Fort Story, Va.:

S. 286, to authorize construction of a research laboratory for Quartermaster Corps at Boston;

S. 1560, to authorize War and Navy Departments to establish research advisory committees, or panels, to promote and conduct scientific research, and to employ scientific and technical personnel;

S. 2002, to incorporate Panama Railroad Company as United States instrumentality and adjunct to Panama Canal with capital stock of \$25 million;

S. 2174, amending sections of the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942 relative to travel and per diem allowances;

S. 2553, to convey lands to Mystic River Bridge Authority for approaches to bridge at Chelsea, Mass.;

S. 2622, relative to common Federal appointment of personnel; and

S. 2680, to prevent disclosures of information concerning cryptographic systems of the U. S.

Four hundred and fifteen routine armed-service nominations were approved for reporting to the Senate.

SEC NOMINATION

Committee on Banking and Currency: In executive session the committee voted to report favorably the nomination of Paul R. Rowen to be a member of the SEC, after receiving testimony from him in his own behalf.

VETERANS

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on the following bills with representatives of the five Federal-chartered veterans' organizations and of the VA testifying on each of the proposed pieces of legislation. The bills are: H. R. 3889, to amend Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), parts I and II, to establish a presumption of service connection for chronic and tropical diseases; S. 2259, to provide minimum ratings for service-connected arrested tuberculosis; S. 2125, 2562, and 2660, relative to dependency allowances of World War I and II veterans with service-connected disabilities; and S. 1268, to provide stenographic assistance to representatives of recognized veterans' organizations.

Each of the following witnesses gave his organization's recommendations and views on each of the above bills: Gen. John Thomas Taylor and T. O. Kraabel, American Legion; William E. Tate, DAV; Omar B. Ketchum, VFW; W. M. Floyd, Regular Veterans Association; Robert E. McLaughlin and Clarence G. Adamy, AMVETS; and L. A. Lawlor, VA.

Dr. James E. Perkins, National Tuberculosis Association, and Edward Hochhauser, Committee for the Care of the Jewish Tuberculous, testified only on S. 2259. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: In executive session the committee received reports from its subcommittees on the following treaties, and ordered each of them reported to the Senate: International Telecommunications Convention (Exec. B, 80th Cong., 2d sess.); Convention With France on Double Taxation (Exec. A, 80th Cong., 1st sess.), together with a Supplemental Protocol With France Relating to Taxes on Estates and Inheritances (Exec. G, 80th Cong., 2d sess.); Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation With Italy (Exec. E, 80th Cong., 2d sess.); and Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation With China (Exec. J., 80th Cong., 1st sess.), with a reservation.

FPC NOMINATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee held hearings on the nomination of Thomas C. Buchanan to be a member of the FPC. Stephen Stahlnecker, Philadelphia, and former member of the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission, and David Dunlap, Philadelphia, appeared in opposition to the nomination. Miss Anne X. Alpern, city solicitor for Pittsburgh, spoke in support of the nomination. Dr. Edward Logan, Pennsylvania State budget secretary, Harrisburg, testified for the information of the subcommittee. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES—COMMUNISM

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session the committee agreed to hold hearings on H. R. 5852, to control un-American and subversive activities (so-called Mundt-Nixon bill), on May 27, 28, and 29.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Continuing hearings on S. 1320, to provide a national health insurance and public health program, and S. 545, to create an independent national health agency, subcommittee heard Dr. Marjorie Shearon, a specialist on public health legislation, express her views on the proposed legislation. Subcommittee meets again tomorrow.

GORGAS MEMORIAL

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee heard various witnesses testify on S. 2341, to authorize an increase of an additional \$100,000 in annual appropriations for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory.

DETROIT POST OFFICE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee, in executive session, agreed to request the Post Office Department to make a further and complete study of operations, details, service conditions, and charges made against the Detroit postmaster, and report its findings back to the Senate committee.

FLOOD CONTROL

Committee on Public Works: Senator Langer, Fred J. Frederickson, Greater North Dakota Association, and representing the Governor and North Dakota Water Commission, and State Senator Kenneth Pyle, Fargo, N. Dak., appeared before the Subcommittee on Flood Control to testify in support of H. R. 2674, flood-control work on the Red River of the North.

The following witnesses testified in support of S. 2608, authorizing an appropriation for reconstruction and repair of roads in States of North Dakota and Minnesota, which were destroyed by floods: Chester A. Gewalt, Municipal Water Conservation Association of Minnesota and North Dakota; Representative Hagen; Don Sinclair, State senator of Minnesota; Frank Forbes, county agent, Warren, Minn.; Lyman Brink, attorney, of Hallock, Minn.; John Smith, county engineer, Hallock, Minn.; and C. D. Curtis, Deputy Commissioner, U. S. Public Roads Administration.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Ten public bills, H. R. 6692-6701; two private bills, H. R. 6702 and 6703; and ten resolutions, H. Res. 612-614, H. J. Res. 410-414, and H. Con. Res. 205 and 206, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Report of Select Committee to Investigate Commodity Transactions on speculative commodity trading on United States futures markets by resident and nonresident aliens (H. Rept. 2025);

H. J. Res. 406, requesting President to proclaim Memorial Day, 1948, as a day for a Nation-wide prayer for

peace (H. Rept. 2026);

H. R. 3807, operation of recreational facilities within demonstration area near Thurmont, Md. (H. Rept. 2027);

H. R. 5313, to authorize construction of Preston Bench

project, Idaho (H. Rept. 2028);

H. R. 6028, to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation for payments to school districts on certain projects during their construction (H. Rept. 2029);

H. R. 6090, authorizing the Secretary of Interior to issue patents for lands held under color of title (H. Rept.

2030);

H. R. 6233, conveyance of certain public lands to

Pinellas County, Fla. (H. Rept. 2031);

H. R. 6239, to provide for the suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in Alaska (H. Rept. 2032);

H. R. 6335, providing for the suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in

the United States (H. Rept. 2033);

H. R. 6454, to provide annuities for certain Federal employees who have rendered at least 20 years' service investigating and catching persons suspected or convicted of offenses against the United States (H. Rept. 2034);

H. R. 6502, to amend the Organic Act of Puerto Rico

(H. Rept. 2035); and

S. 1925, to convey certain public lands to the city of Pierre, S. Dak. (H. Rept. 2036).

Pages 6441-6442

D. C. Home Rule: Resumed consideration of H. R. 6227, providing for home rule and reorganization in the District of Columbia, consumed all time allotted for debate, commenced reading the bill for amendments, and after some time spent therein, adjourned, leaving the legislation as unfinished business.

Pages 6411-6440

Peace Prayer: Adopted S. J. Res. 217, requesting the President to proclaim Memorial Day, 1948, as a day for a Nation-wide prayer for peace, following which H. J. Res. 406, a companion measure, was tabled.

Pages 6440-6441

Committee Election: Adopted H. Res. 613, electing Representative Morris to the Committee on Public Lands.

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Committee Meetings

PRICE FIXING

Committee on District of Columbia: The Judiciary Subcommittee considered H. R. 6451, amending the D. C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Act relative to fixing prices of liquor by contract between a licensed wholesaler and a licensed retailer. Witnesses testifying were Vernon West, D. C. Corporation Counsel, who opposed the bill; Allen Payne, Chairman, ABC Board; F. Joseph Donohue, attorney, representing retail dealers; and Milton Kronheim, a wholesale distributor. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda heard the testimony of Raymond Wiser, president, California Farm Bureau Federation, and J. E. Sturrock, manager, Texas Water Association, Austin, Tex., at its investigation of charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California. Will meet again tomorrow.

UN STRUCTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in executive session and continued consideration of legislation relating to UN structure and relations between the United Nations and the United States. Will meet again tomorrow.

PRINTING

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Printing in executive session considered pending legislation. Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

STEEL INQUIRY

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: The following officials of steel companies testified at the hearings on steel requirements for oil and gas production, oil pipe lines, transportation of natural gas, refining, and marketing facilities: David F. Austin, vice president, U. S. Steel Corp.; W. E. Watson, vice president, Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.; W. F. McConnor, National Tube Co.; and Jay Owings, manager, tubular division, Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. Hearings will continue Thursday.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered favorably reported to the House, H. J. Res. 406, requesting the President to issue a proclamation designating Memorial Day, 1948, as a day for a Nation-wide prayer for peace.

AIR PARCEL POST

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The Rees subcommittee heard testimony of the following witnesses at the continuation of hearings on H. R. 5730, providing for an air parcel-post service, and H. R. 5090, providing for extension of the air-mail postal service; Kinsey N. Merritt, vice president, Traffic Railway Express Agency, Inc.; Roland Rice, assistant general counsel, Association of American Railroads; and Stephen Ails, attorney at law, representing Air Freight Association. No action was taken on the bills.

NAVY PUBLIC WORKS—SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Rules: Heard Representatives Bates of Massachusetts, Sasscer, Cole of New York, and Van Zandt, who favored a resolution providing consideration of H. R. 6341, the Navy public works bill. Representatives Fallon and Meade of Maryland filed statements in opposition. No action was taken on the resolution.

Heard Representatives Folger and Barden in opposition to a resolution providing consideration for H. R. 6401, the selective-service bill. Hearings will continue tomorrow, at 2:30 p. m.

TAX REVISION

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued in executive session to discuss proposals to its general tax-revision program. Will meet again tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: Continuing hearings on labor-management relations, the joint committee received testimony from Representative Nixon in support of S. 2614, to amend the NLRA so as to eliminate the necessity of holding an election as a condition to the making of an agreement requiring membership in a labor organization as a condition of employment; he discussed particularly the problem of the union-shop election as related to the migratory type of employees in the motion-picture and building and construction industries. James D. Marshall, managing director, Association of General Contractors, proposed that the provision on union-shop elections be repealed, judging from his experiences in the building and construction industry. Ralph A. MacMullan, Detroit chapter of the Association of General Contractors, described the problems of conducting such elections in the Detroit area. Richard Gray, president, Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL, deplored the operation of the Taft-Hartley law on the labor movement and urged that it be repealed. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ECONOMIC REPORT

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: Committee met in executive session with members of the Council of Economic Advisers to discuss their mutual problems, involving the practical application and theory of the Employment Act of 1946 (P. L. 304 of the 79th Cong.).

BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Law

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D385)

S. 2287, to extend the powers of the RFC to 1954, plus 2 years for liquidation purposes. Signed May 25, 1948 (P. L. 548).

Wednesday, May 26, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses cleared bill on surplus real property for President.

Senate adopted conference report on WAC-WAVE bill, continued debate on displaced persons, and agreed to vote on carrier-agreements conference report on Friday.

One-year extension of Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act voted by House. Senate committee agreed to report bill on extension of Decontrol Act. Conferees reached agreement on air-transport bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 6448-6450

Bills Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2746 to S. 2756; and S. Res. 244.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1560, to authorize War and Navy Departments to establish research advisory committees, or panels, to promote and conduct scientific research, and to employ scientific and technical personnel, with amendments (S. Rept. 1397);

S. 2174, amending sections of the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942 relative to travel and per diem allowances, with an amendment (S. Rept. 1398);

S. 2553, to convey lands to Mystic River Bridge Authority for approaches to bridge at Chelsea, Mass.

(S. Rept. 1399);

S. 2622, relative to common Federal appointment of

personnel (S. Rept. 1400);

S. 2747, to amend the Canal Zone Code for the purpose of incorporating the Panama Railroad Company (S. Rept. 1401);

H. R. 5283, providing for disposal of surplus sand at

Fort Story, Va. (S. Rept. 1402);

H. R. 3680, amending Hawaiian Homes Commission

Act of 1920 (S. Rept. 1403);

H. R. 4954, authorizing construction of Kennewick division of Yakima irrigation project, Washington (S. Rept. 1404);

H. R. 6056, construct railroad right-of-way in Rich-

mond County, N. Y. (S. Rept. 1405);

H. R. 6091, amending Hawaiian Homes Commission

Act of 1920 (S. Rept. 1406);

S. 2746, to continue for a temporary period certain powers, authority, and discretion conferred on the President by the Second Decontrol Act of 1947, with amend-

ments (S. Rept. 1407);

S. 2505, to clarify the position of the Secretary of the Air Force and to authorize Secretaries of Army, Navy, and Air Force to establish 15 positions each in the professional and scientific service, and the Secretary of Defense to establish 6, with amendments (S. Rept. 1408);

S. 2554, to promote the common defense by providing for retention and maintenance of a national reserve of industrial productive capacity, with amendments (S.

Rept. 1409);

S. 1183, to incorporate the Virgin Islands Corporation,

with amendments (S. Rept. 1410);

S. 1274 and 1275, private lands bills, with amendments

(S. Repts. 1411 and 1412);

S. 2754, to reorganize and simplify the procurement, utilization, and disposal of Government property (S.

Rept. 1413); and

S. 1260, to provide for settlement of claims for damages resulting from Federal operation of 103 motor carriers, with amendment (S. Rept. 1414).

Pages 6448-6449

Surplus Property: Adopted conference report on S. 2277, to amend the Surplus Property Act of 1944 so as to dispose of surplus real property to States, political subdivisions, and municipalities for public parks, etc.; this action clears the bill for the President.

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Carrier Agreements: Agreement was reached to vote at 3:30 p. m. Friday, May 28, on adoption of conference report on S. 110, to amend the ICC Act relative to agreements between interstate carriers.

Pages 6458-6460

New Committee Assignments: Senator Chavez was excused from further service on Committee on Post Office and Civil Service and assigned to Appropriations Committee. Senators Sparkman and Stennis were excused from further service on Committee on the District of Columbia and assigned to Committee on Public Works and Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, respectively. Senator Feazel was assigned to Committee on the District of Columbia.

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WAC-WAVES: Adopted conference report on S. 1641, to provide a permanent basis for women in the armed forces.

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Displaced Persons: Senate continued to debate S. 2242, to authorize the admission within 2 years of 100,000 displaced persons for permanent residence.

Pages 6444-6448, 6450-6458

California Indians: Conference was asked on H. R. 2878, to revise the roll of Indians of California, and Senators Butler, Watkins, Ecton, Hatch, and Murray were appointed as conferees.

Pages 6473-6474

Treaties Reported: Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation With Italy (Exec. E, 80th Cong., 2d

sess.), Ex. Rept. 6;

Convention With France on Double Taxation (Exec. A, 80th Cong., 1st sess.) together with a supplemental protocol with France relating to taxes on estates and inheritances (Exec. G, 80th Cong., 2d sess.), Ex. Rept. 7; and

Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation With China (Exec. J, 80th Cong., 1st sess.), Ex. Rept. 8.

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Confirmations: Confirmed nomination of Paul R. Rowen, Mass., to be a member of the SEC; along with 335 Army, 49 Marine Corps, and 50 Navy nominations.

Pages 6484-6486

Nominations: Received 1 civilian and 14 Army nominations.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN ECONOMIC AID

Committee on Appropriations: W. Averell Harriman, special representative of the ECA, and A. I. Henderson, general counsel, testified before the committee in connection with its hearings on the proposed appropriations for foreign economic aid. Hearings continue tomorrow.

GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS APPROPRIATIONS—TVA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 6481, Government Corporations appropriations for 1949, receiving testimony on funds for steam plant at New Johnsonville, Tenn., as a part of TVA system, from the following witnesses: Senator Hill; J. C. Bradford, Nashville; Harold M. Wimberly,

Knoxville; Mayor James W. Elmore, Jr., Knoxville; Jim Mattox, Columbus, Miss.; Ken C. Whitaker, Chattanooga; James N. Bloodworth, Decatur, Ala.; Charles E. Shaver, Huntsville, Ala.; C. H. Jackson, Florence, Ala.; R. J. Murray, Huntington, Tenn.; James H. Greene, Chamber of Commerce, Pittsburgh, Pa.; William A. Dower, Chamber of Commerce, Hartford; Fred H. Kimmick, Cleveland; H. A. Stansbury, West Virginia Chamber of Commerce; John H. Bream, Harrisburg; Grey Dresie, Wichita; Elton Kile, National Association of Businessmen; Garner Lester, National Tax Equality; and George T. Holmes, secretary, Kentucky Tax Research Association. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TIN

Committee on Armed Services: Continuing hearings on the question of the feasibility of further extension of Government control over the production of tin in the U. S. as authorized under Public Law 125 of the Eightieth Congress, subcommittee received testimony by Karl Anderson, Department of State; E. Warfield, Tin Processing Corp.; H. H. Buckman, Vulcan Detinning Corp.; and J. P. Bowner, National Lead Co., in support of extending such Government control.

SECOND DECONTROL ACT

Committee on Banking and Currency: In executive session committee agreed to report, with amendments, S. 2746, to continue for a temporary period certain powers, authority, and discretion conferred on the President by the Second Decontrol Act of 1947. As approved, it would change the date of expiration to June 30, 1949, and restore to controls cinchona bark and quinidine; also it would affect importation of fertilizer.

D. C. RADIO, TELEVISION, AND DANGEROUS WEAPONS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Judiciary Subcommittee heard Vernon West, D. C. Corporation Counsel, testify in support of S. 2028, regulating possession or acquisition of dangerous weapons.

In hearings on H. R. 2984, regulating the installation of radio or television antennas, George A. Corbin and Leaverett A. Meadows, both of Manor Park Citizens Association, testified in support of the bill. The following witnesses testified against the bill: W. C. Warman, C. & P. Telephone Co.; Louis Rein, FCC; T. J. Carroll, Bureau of Standards; and Thad Brown, Jr., attorney.

VETERANS

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on the following veterans' bills, receiving testimony from two Senators, and representatives of the five Federal chartered veterans' organizations, and a representative of the VA: S. 644, S. 2232, and S. 2651, relative to increased compensation to widows and other dependents of certain veterans; S. 2258, to raise income limitations on pensions to veterans and death-pension benefits to widows and children of veterans; and S. 595 and S. 2160,

to increase compensation for peacetime veterans and their dependents.

Senator Baldwin and Mrs. E. W. Abdill, member of Gold Star Wives of World War II, testified in support of S. 644, S. 2232, and S. 2651. Senator Sparkman testified in favor of S. 595. Each of the following witnesses gave his organization's recommendations and views on each of the above bills: Omar B. Ketchum, VFW; T. O. Kraabel, American Legion; W. M. Floyd, Regular Veterans' Association; Robert E. McLaughlin, AMVETS; William E. Tate, DAV; and Guy H. Birdsall, VA.

AIRCRAFT-MILITARY SERVICE

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee met in executive session with various department heads of the Government who would be concerned with the administration of S. 2644, to provide for the development of civil transport aircraft adaptable for auxiliary military service, to work out an agreement as to the form in which this bill should be reported to the Senate.

FPC NOMINATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: After a brief executive session, following open hearings, the subcommittee announced that it would meet in executive session again tomorrow to determine what action should be taken on the nomination of Thomas C. Buchanan to be a member of the FPC. At the hearings today Mr. Buchanan testified in his own behalf, and John Siggins, chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Harrisburg, testified for the information of the subcommittee.

DISTRICT JUDGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee met in executive session to consider the nomination of Samuel Hamilton Kaufman to be district judge for southern district of New York.

DISTRICT JUDGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Judge Bennett Champ Clark, Court of Appeals for the D. C., testified in support of the nomination of Roy W. Harper to be judge of eastern and western districts of Missouri.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee held further hearings on S. 1320, to provide a national health-insurance and public-health program, and S. 545, to create an independent national health agency, with Dr. Marjorie Shearon, a specialist on public-health legislation, continuing her testimony, expressing her views on the two bills. Subcommittee continues tomorrow.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: After an executive session of the subcommittee on S. 2279, ret-

roactive retirement benefits to Federal employees involuntarily separated between 1945 and 1947, it was announced that the bill would be reported to the full committee at its next meeting.

OIL AND STEEL SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Oil and Steel Subcommittees continued hearings on oil and steel supply and distribution, with the following witnesses discussing the needs of steel-

fabricating industry, well drillers, and independent oil producers: Fred V. Sletvold, North Dakota Well Drillers Association; J. N. Thelen, representing a group of independent Montana oil producers, Great Falls, Mont.; William H. Young, attorney, Kelly-Ryan Equipment Co., Blair, Nebr.; Richard Kline, Burke Steel Co., Rochester, N. Y.; Frank J. Daugherty, Gate City Iron Works, Omaha, Nebr.; and J. D. Henderson, American Association of Small Business, New Orleans. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fourteen public bills, H. R. 6704–6717; five private bills, H. R. 6718–6722; and three resolutions, H. Con. Res. 207 and 208, and H. Res. 615, were introduced.

Pages 6539, 6548–6549

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Conference report on S. 2277, amending Surplus Property Act of 1944 so as to dispose of surplus real property (military installations) to States, political subdivisions, and municipalities for public parks, etc. (H. Rept. 2037);

H. R. 6705, Interior Department appropriation bill

for 1949 (H. Rept. 2038);

H. R. 3685, to authorize sale of the Wyandotte Indian public burial ground in Kansas City, Kans. (H. Rept. 2039);

H. R. 5147, private land bill (H. Rept. 2040);

H. R. 6623, to establish a Mine Incentive Payments Division within the Department of the Interior, to stimulate production of strategic and critical metals and minerals (H. Rept. 2041);

S. 1871, to restore certain lands to the town site of

Wadsworth, Nev. (H. Rept. 2042);

S. 1933, to convey certain lands in Montana to school district 55, Roosevelt County, Mont. (H. Rept. 2043);

S. 1941, private land bill (H. Rept. 2044);

H. R. 6457, to provide for disposition of lands on the Cabazon, Augustine, and Torres-Martinez Indian Reservations (H. Rept. 2045);

Four private bills: H. Res. 606, H. R. 4702, 4830, and

5421 (H. Repts. 2046-2049, respectively);

Twelfth Intermediate Report of Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments relative to scope of interpretation of the term "affecting commerce" as used in Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947 (H. Rept. 2050);

Conference report on Women's Armed Services In-

tegration Act of 1948 (H. Rept. 2051);

H. Res. 615, providing for consideration of H. R. 6705, making appropriations for Department of the Interior for 1949 (H. Rept. 2052);

H. R. 6696, amending Interstate Commerce Act relative to safety and sanitation standards for baggage cars

(H. Rept. 2053);

H. J. Res. 412, to enlarge and strengthen the American merchant marine and to remove inequities (H. Rept. 2054); and

H. J. Res. 413, to promote the development and maintenance of the American merchant marine (H. Rept. 2055).

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Bills Referred: Thirty-nine Senate-passed bills, passed on May 24, were referred to appropriate committees.

Pages 6545-6546

Indians: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 2878, revising the census roll of the Indians of California, requested a conference with the Senate, and appointed Representatives Welch, Crawford, D'Ewart, Murdock, and Peterson as conferees.

Public Lands: Agreed to the Senate amendments to the following two bills, thus clearing them for Presidential action:

H. R. 3731, authorizing modifications in the repayment contracts within lower Yellowstone irrigation district.

H. R. 3785, authorizing Minnesota to condemn certain lands for fish propagation.

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Surplus Real Property: Agreed to conference report on S. 2277, to amend the Surplus Property Act of 1944, so as to dispose of surplus real property (military installations) to States, political subdivisions, and municipalities for public parks, etc.

Pages 6488-6491

Presidential Powers: Passed H. R. 6659, continuing for a temporary period certain powers, authority, and discretion conferred on the President by the Second Decontrol Act of 1947.

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Reciprocal Trade: Adopted H. Res. 608, providing for consideration of, and 3 hours of general debate on, H. R. 6556, extending for 1 year the provisions of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, following which the House considered and passed the bill, without amendment, by a vote of 234 yeas to 149 nays.

Pages 6493-6538

Civil Air Patrol: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 5298, establishing the Civil Air Patrol as a civilian auxiliary to the U. S. Air Force, thus clearing the bill for Presidential action.

Pages 6491-6492

Air Transportation: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6407, to encourage the development of an international air-transportation system, agreed to a conference requested by Senate, and appointed Representatives Wolverton, Hinshaw, Leonard W. Hall, Lea, and Priest as conferees.

D. C. Armory Jurisdiction: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 5874, creating an Armory Board to rule on nonmilitary activities to be held in armory and the disposition of proceeds therefrom, thus completing all legislative action.

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Alcohol Plants: Passed, with amendments, H. R. 6096, retaining Government ownership of certain grain-alcohol plants and authorizing Department of Agriculture to use them for research for benefit of farm products. H. Res. 597, providing for consideration of the bill, was previously adopted.

Poges 6539-6541

Committee Meetings

LAND POLICY—RURAL REHABILITATION

Committee on Agriculture: Completed hearings on H. R. 6054, to establish a long-range land policy and conservation program. The following Members of the House testified in opposition to the bill: Representatives Crawford, Barrett, Rockwell, D'Ewart, Lemke, and Murdock.

Also opened hearings on H. R. 6210 and 5005, Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Trust Liquidation Act, with the following witnesses testifying: Chief Justice A. M. Christianson, Supreme Court of North Dakota, who opposed H. R. 6210, which would transmit the cash, resulting from liquidation of assets and property, into the U. S. Treasury. He favored H. R. 5905, which would permit the transfer of the cash to States. Also favoring H. R. 5905 were: Senator Pepper; Representative Fernandez; Carroll Weathers, representing State of North Carolina; and Ralph Moody, assistant attorney general, North Carolina. Opposed to H. R. 5905, was Howard Rooney, associate solicitor, Department of Agriculture. Billard Lasseter, Administrator, Farm Home Administration, also testified. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RESERVES—ADMINISTRATION—EDUCATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Education and Training considered H. R. 6494, to provide that National Guard and Organized Reserve Corps personnel shall have common Federal appointment or enlistment as reserves of the AUS, to equalize disability benefits applicable to such personnel; S. 1214, Hollowayplan amendments, to facilitate administrative procedures under the Naval Officers Training Act; and S. 295, relative to detailing of Army personnel as students, observers, or investigators at educational institutions, etc., and requiring 4 years of service after such instruction. Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, Department of the Army; Milton K. Reckord, National Guard Association; and Brig. Gen. Edw. A. Evans, Reserve Officers Association testified on H. R. 6494. Testifying on S. 1214 was Commander David Martineau, Department of the Navy. Col. Charles Schwarz, and Col. Robert Lansfield, both of the Department of the Army, testified on S. 295. Hearings on these bills continue tomorrow.

NLRB REPORT—PROPAGANDA

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Approved for reporting to the House the twelfth intermediate report entitled "Investigation To Ascertain Scope of Interpretation by General Counsel of National Labor Relations Board of the Term 'Affecting Commerce' as Used in the Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947."

Herbert R. Moody, committee investigator, testified before the Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda in its investigation of charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UN STRUCTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Continued executive consideration of legislation relating to UN structure and relations between the United Nations and the United States. Will meet again tomorrow.

AIRCRAFT—BAGGAGE CARS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Ordered the following bills reported favorably to the House:

S. 2454, amending Civil Aeronautics Act to make further provision for recording of title to, interest in, and encumbrances upon certain aircraft;

S. 2455, amending Civil Aeronautics Act by limiting the liability of certain persons not in possession of aircraft; and

H. R. 6696, amending Interstate Commerce Act with respect to standards of safety and sanitation in baggage cars.

COLORADO WATER RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 4 heard the following witnesses on H. J. Res. 225 and related bills, to authorize the commencement of an action by the United States to determine interstate water rights in the Colorado River: Senators Hayden and McFarland; Representatives Murdock, Granger, Rockwell, and Barrett; Judge J. A. Howell, chairman, legislative subcommittee, Colorado River Basin States Committee, Ogden, Utah; and Jean Breitenstein, attorney for Colorado Water Conservation Board, Denver, Colo. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PHILATELISTS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Held hearings, but took no action on, H. R. 2859, to regulate the sale of essays or proofs of postage stamps. Testifying in opposition were: R. E. Fellers, Superintendent, and H. S. Chamberlain, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Stamps, Post Office Department, along with Alvin W. Hall, Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Treasury Department, and William J. Stuart, stamp editor, Washington (D. C.) Post. Proponent witnesses were: Vincent Domanski, Jr., president, and Stephen G. Rich, treasurer, Society of Philatelic Americans; W. A. Edgar, Collector's Club; Clarence W. Brazer, journal editor, the Essay Proof Society; David D. Caldwell, American Philatelic Society; and J. A. Singmaster, New York.

INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Indian Affairs held hearings, but took no action, on H. R. 5458, authorizing restoration to tribal ownership of surplus lands on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Mont.; H. R. 6660, to improve conditions among the Navajo Indians; H. R. 6661, declaring certain Crow Indians to be competent members of the Crow Tribe; and H. R. 6662, authorizing sale of certain allotted inherited land on Flathead Indian Reservation, Mont. Testifying on these bills was John H. Provinse, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

BRIDGE—HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Roads in executive session approved for reporting to the full committee S. 2201, relative to construction of bridges in Maryland. Also held open hearings on H. R. 6572, to authorize the granting of Federal aid with respect to construction of toll bridges, highways, and tunnels. Thomas H. MacDonald, Commissioner, Public Roads Administration, opposed the bill. Testifying in favor were: John Pershing, of Mitchell & Pershing Co., New York City; State Senator Edward W. Staves, chairman, Massachusetts State Legislative Committee on Highways and Motor Vehicles; State Senator Ralph A. Winter, of Utah; and J. C. Tripp, investment banker, New York City. No action was taken on the bill.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Reported H. Res. 615, waiving points of order against H. R. 6705, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949. Representative Jensen was heard in favor of the resolution, and Representative Kirwan in opposition.

Hearings on H. R. 6401, the selective-service bill, will be continued Thursday, at 2:30 p. m.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security met in executive session to consider its report on social-security legislation. Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

Joint Committee Meetings

LABOR

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: Committee continued hearings on labor-management relations with Mortimer Freeman, lawyer, of Atlanta, Ga., and formerly employed by the NLRB, discussing administrative problems growing out of the Taft-Hartley law.

Joseph A. Beirne, president, Communications Workers of American (independent), opposed the union authorization elections, and suggested the possibility of transferring some of the present burdens of the NLRB to the Federal courts as a solution to overcome present congestions and difficulties in the administration of the NLRA.

Raymond Smethurst, NAM, favored a continuation of industry-wide bargaining and the outlawing of industry-wide strikes. He proposed that any industry-wide agreements should be subjected to the antitrust laws. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

House and Senate Conferees on S. 1676, Army and Air Force construction at military installations, met but failed to reach final agreement over the differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of the bill. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

WATER-FILTRATION PLANT

Conferees on S. 2359, providing for construction of water-filtration plant on West Point Military Reservation, reached agreement and voted to file a conference report on the differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of the measure.

AIR TRANSPORT

Conferees on H. R. 6407, international air transportation system, reached agreement to file a conference report on the differences between the House- and Senatepassed versions of the measure.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D389)

S. 1571, to add two members to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. Signed May 25, 1948 (P. L. 549);

S. 1651, to amend the General Bridge Act of 1946 relative to toll charges. Signed May 25, 1948 (P. L. 550);

S. 2233, easement for construction of water main at naval air station, Alameda, Calif. Signed May 25, 1948 (P. L. 551);

H. R. 1878, to deny admission to U. S. of persons deemed to endanger the public safety. Signed May 25, 1948 (P. L. 552);

H. R. 4966, to sell and lease certain houses, apartments, and lands in Boulder City, Nev. Signed May 25, 1948

(P. L. 553);

H. R. 5669, providing for adjustment of irrigation charges on Flathead Indian irrigation project. Signed May 25, 1948 (P. L. 554); and

H. R. 6067, amendatory repayment contract with Northport irrigation district. Signed May 25, 1948 (P. L. 555).

Thursday, May 27, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate referred Voice of America resolution to Foreign Relations Committee and continued work on displaced-persons bill.

House passed Interior Department appropriation bill.

Various bills, including oleomargarine-tax repeal, approved by Senate groups. Senate Finance Committee announced hearings on trade agreements, and Foreign Relations referred Voice of America investigation to subcommittee.

Tax-revision bill ordered reported by House committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 6550-6552

Bills Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2757 to S. 2765; S. Res. 245.

Pages 6551, 6552

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2186, to amend an act affecting navigation, relating to yachts belonging to yacht clubs, with amendments (S. Rept. 1415);

H. R. 6242, continuing until June 30, 1949, the duty-free importation of scrap metals (S. Rept. 1416);

H. R. 5587, adding certain lands to Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, N. Dak. (S. Rept. 1417);

S. 2675, to amend the Organic Act of Puerto Rico, with amendment (S. Rept. 1418);

H. R. 5816, amending the act relative to establishment of Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, N. Dak., with amendments (S. Rept. 1419);

S. J. Res. 202, to change the name of Potholes Dam in the Columbia Basin project to O'Sullivan Dam, with amendments (S. Rept. 1420);

H. R. 5965, amending the Tariff Act of 1930, relative to duties on certain beverages (S. Rept. 1421); and

H. R. 6078, amending the ICC Act relative to foreigncruise travel (S. Rept. 1422). Pages 6550-6551

Bills Referred: Two House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

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Bill Placed on Calendar: H. R. 6659, extension of certain provisions of Second Decontrol Act of 1947, was placed on calendar.

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Disability Insurance: Report of Advisory Council on Social Security, relating to permanent and total disability insurance, was ordered printed as S. Doc. 162.

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Private Bill: Conference report on H. R. 2389, private claims bill, was adopted.

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Voice of America: By vote of 34 yeas to 39 nays Senate overruled decision of the President pro tempore to refer to Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments S. Res. 245, providing for investigation by Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of Voice of America broadcasts. The resolution was then referred to Committee on Foreign Relations.

Pages 6552-6564

Displaced Persons: Senate continued consideration of S. 2242, to authorize the admission within 2 years

of 100,000 displaced persons for permanent residence, adopting the following amendments: By voice vote, Revercomb amendment providing that wife and unmarried minor children of eligible displaced persons belonging to farming class may be deemed to be of farming class; and by 40 yeas to 33 nays, the Ferguson amendment allowing 200,000 displaced persons rather than 100,000 to enter U. S. for permanent residence during fiscal years 1949–50.

Pages 6564–6587

Nominations: Two civilian nominations, including that of Philip C. Jessup, New York, to be deputy representative of U. S. with rank of envoy in the Security Council of the UN, were received; one postmaster nomination was withdrawn.

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Committee Meetings

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: The nomination of Charles F. Brannan to be Secretary of Agriculture was ordered reported favorably by the committee after receiving testimony by Mr. Brannan in his own behalf.

GENERAL MacARTHUR

Committee on Appropriations: By vote of 17 to 2 the committee, in executive session, voted to instruct the chairman of the committee to request "General Douglas MacArthur to appear before the committee on hearings now being held or to be held on all appropriations affecting the Far East."

FOREIGN ECONOMIC AID

Committee on Appropriations: Raymond C. Miller, U. S. economic counselor at Brussels, Belgium, and Marcel E. Malige, commercial attaché, Bern, Switzerland, discussed the proposed appropriations for foreign economic aid as it would relate to these two countries. Dallas W. Dort, of the Office of the Secretary of State, also testified. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee met in executive session to begin marking up H. R. 6355, Federal Security Agency supplemental appropriations for 1949. Subcommittee will meet on this again on Saturday.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee met in executive session to map out its program of consideration on H. R. 6705, Interior appropriation bill for 1949.

APPROPRIATIONS-TVA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 6481, Government corporations appropriations for 1949, receiving testimony on funds for steam plant at New Johnsonville, Tenn., as a part of the TVA system, from the following witnesses: Edward J.

Bachman, St. Paul; W. W. Kelly, president, Virginia Chamber of Commerce; Charles Eaton, Jr., executive vice president, New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce; P. L. Smith, National Association of Electric Companies; Raymond Jackson, Cleveland Counsel; G. Leslie Hall, president, Virginia Association of Businessmen; Walter Howe, New York Public Expenditures Survey; and A. F. Metz, president, New Jersey Taxpayers Association.

Gordon R. Clapp, Chairman, TVA, testified generally in support of funds for the TVA. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ARMY-OFFICER BENEFITS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received testimony in support of H. R. 2744, retirement of officers of Regular Army and equalization of retirement benefits for members of the AUS, from Maj. Gen. John Dahlquist, Rear Adm. Thomas Sprague, and Commander David Martineau. Following the meeting the chairman announced that the committee would meet again on this subject next week.

D. C. NURSERY SCHOOL

Committee on the District of Columbia: Public Health Subcommittee held hearings on H. R. 5808, to continue day-care nursery school in the D. C. for 1 year, receiving testimony in support of the bill from the following witnesses: Lucille Lewis, Superintendent, Child Day Care Centers; Gladys Cook, chairman advisory committee, Child Day Care Program; Mrs. Stephen Burte, League of Women Voters; Miss Josephine Starr, Council of Social Agencies; Miss Florence Murray, Catholic Charities; Mrs. Marguerite Gray, chairman, Mothers' Committee; and Mrs. Sarah Dunn, NCHA.

The following witnesses testified against the bill: Vernon West, Corporation Counsel for D. C.; and John W. Tramburg, Director, and Raymond F. Clapp, Assistant, Board of Public Welfare.

OLEO, TRADE AGREEMENTS, IMPORTS, AND VETERANS

Committee on Finance: By unanimous vote the committee approved for reporting with amendment H. R. 2245, to repeal the oleomargarine tax. The amendment approved by the committee was adopted by a vote of 10 to 2; it would provide that no person shall serve colored oleomargarine at a public eating place unless each serving was labeled to identify it as oleomargarine, and a notice that the eating place was serving oleomargarine would have to be prominently displayed.

It was announced, following the meeting, that the committee had agreed to hold 2 days of hearings sometime next week on H. R. 6556, 1-year extension of Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act.

The following bills were approved for reporting without amendment: H. R. 6242, continuing until June 30, 1949, the duty-free importation of scrap metals; H. J.

Res. 384, to permit foreign articles to be imported duty free for exhibition purposes at the International Industrial Exposition, Inc., Atlantic City; and H. R. 5965, amending the Tariff Act of 1930, relative to duties on

certain beverages.

The following bills were reported with amendments: S. 2580, to authorize the VA to convey land in Tennessee to the city of Johnson City; and companion measures H. R. 5065 and S. 2469, to amend the Internal Revenue Code so as to exempt hospitalized servicemen and veterans from admissions tax when admitted free. The amendments approved to accompany the companion bills were identical.

RUSSIAN AGREEMENTS-VOICE OF AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in executive session in connection with S. Res. 213, calling on the President for information concerning the Potsdam agreements and violations thereof by Soviet Russia. Following the meeting the chairman announced that he had received voluminous reports on the resolution from the State Department in compliance with a request by him to that effect, and that members of the committee had not had time to study them. He added that the committee would meet again tomorrow to consider this matter further.

A subcommittee was appointed to study S. Res. 245, providing for investigation by Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the Voice of America broadcasts. The following Senators were appointed as members of that subcommittee: Smith, chairman, Lodge, Hickenlooper, Barkley, and Hatch.

WILDLIFE, YACHTS, AND FOREIGN TRAVEL

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: In executive session the committee approved for reporting without amendment, H. R. 6078, amending the ICC Act relative to foreign cruise travel.

The following were ordered reported with amendment: S. 2186, to amend an act affecting navigation, relating to yachts belonging to yacht clubs; S. 1447, requiring humane treatment of imported wild animals and birds; and H. R. 2721, maintenance of water level in upper Mississippi River for wildlife purposes.

The nomination of Commodore McElligott to be rear

admiral in the Coast Guard was approved.

FPC NOMINATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee, in executive session, voted to request from the full committee that it be granted an additional week for further study of the nomination of Thomas C. Buchanan to be a member of the FPC. At a later meeting of the full committee this request was granted.

COMMUNISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee opened hearings on H. R. 5852, to control un-American and subver-

sive activities (so-called Mundt-Nixon bill), receiving testimony in support of the bill from the following witnesses: Donald Richberg, attorney, Chicago-Washington; Col. Paul Griffith, American Legion; John C. Williamson, VFW; Representatives Nixon and Peterson; Rev. John F. Cronin, National Catholic Welfare Conference; and Elliott Newcomb, AMVETS.

Representative Isacson appeared in opposition to the

bill. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee continued hearings on S. 1320, to provide a national health-insurance and public-health program, and S. 545, to create an independent national health agency, with Dr. Marjorie Shearon, a specialist on public-health legislation, expressing her views on the proposed measures. Subcommittee meets again tomorrow.

FLOOD CONTROL

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control heard Senators Millikin and Johnson of Colo.; Representative Hill; Judge Clifford H. Stone, Colorado Water Conservation Commission; and E. B. Smith, representing the mayor of Denver, testify in support of the South Platte River, Colo., project. Representative Martin of Iowa testified in support of the projects at Fort Madison Harbor, Iowa, and Davenport, Iowa. Senators Wilson and Hickenlooper filed statements in support of the projects.

In an afternoon session the subcommittee held hearings on S. 2289, to repeal the authorization of the Gathright Dam project on the James River, with the following witnesses testifying against the bill: Senator Robertson of Virginia; B. C. Moomaw, Jr., Chamber of Commerce, Covington, Va.; Fred McWane and R. D. Morrison, both of Lynchburg, Va.; W. T. Farnsworth, county supervisor; Robert Mustoe, P. C. Manley, county agent, Payne Johnson, engineer, and Parker Buhrman, all of Bath County, Va.; Hale Collins, P. A. Revis, and J. D. Capron, all of Covington; C. M. Loving, Hot Springs; W. L. Lyle, mayor; F. P. Stewart; C. H. White, Democratic chairman of the county, J. C. Oliver, and P. E. Mitchell, all of Bedford, Va.; and J. G. Bailey, Allegheny County.

The following witnesses testified for the bill: Francis Loth, Waynesboro, president of the Virginia Izaak Walton League; O. R. Randolph, Charlottesville; and Dr. Lyman Carrier, formerly State conservation commissioner.

OIL AND STEEL SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Oil and Steel Subcommittees continued hearings on oil and steel supply and distribution with the following witnesses discussing the needs of steel-fabricating industry, well drillers, and independent oil pro-

ducers: Maurice Fager, Kansas Industrial Development Commission; James W. Clark, Department of Business Research and Development of Minnesota; William Murray, commissioner of the Texas Railroad Commission; W. T. Pound, Oklahoma State conservation officer; and Fred J. Fredrickson, Greater North Dakota Association. All of these witnesses were representing their respective State governors. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Ten public bills, H. R. 6723-6732; one private bill, H. R. 6733; and seven resolutions, H. Con. Res. 209 and 210, and H. J. Res. 415, and H. Res. 616-619, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. J. Res. 305, issuing a special series of stamps commemorative of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Rough Riders of the Spanish-American War (H. Rept. 2056);

Three private bills: S. 2060, H. R. 4047, and 4994

(H. Repts. 2057-2059, respectively);

H. R. 4873, extending the time within which certain suits in admiralty may be brought against the United States (H. Rept. 2060);

Seven private bills: S. 1281 and 1573, H. R. 915, 1902, 2431, 6186, and 6428 (H. Repts. 2061–2067, respectively);

H. R. 5416, to promote the interests of the Fort Hall Indian irrigation project, Idaho (H. Rept. 2068); and

H. Res. 619, providing consideration of, and 2 hours of debate on, H. R. 6341, to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with construction of certain public works (H. Rept. 2069).

Sex Offenders: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6071, providing for treatment of sexual psychopaths in the District of Columbia, completing all legislative action on the bill.

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Interior Department Appropriations: After adopting H. Res. 615, waiving points of order against the provisions of H. R. 6705, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for 1949, the House considered and passed the bill, with amendments. This measure provides \$375,677,591 for the various activities under the jurisdiction of the Interior Department, which is \$84,293,244 less than the budget estimate and \$112,876,532 more than the 1948 appropriation.

Pages 6593-6638

Cleared for President: The House agreed to Senate amendments on the following four bills, thus clearing them for Presidential action:

H. R. 669, providing a method of paying subrogation claims arising out of insurance payments for damages

sustained as the result of explosions at Port Chicago, Calif, June 17, 1944; and

Three private bills: H. R. 1508, 2131, and 3805.

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Committee Meetings

RURAL REHABILITATION

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on H. R. 5905 and 6210, Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Trust Liquidation Act, hearing testimony of Lamar Murdaugh, Office of the Administrator, FHA, and Dr. H. L. Walster, dean of North Dakota Agricultural College, who favored H. R. 5905, which would permit the transfer of the cash to States, as compared with H. R. 6210, which would transmit the cash, resulting from liquidation of assets and property, into the U. S. Treasury.

MILITARY-NAVAL BILLS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Pay and Administration approved the following bills to be reported to the full committee: S. 1790, credit for certain service performed before age 18; S. 1520, adjustment of postal accounts of commissioned officers; and S. 1795, regulations affecting disbursement officers. Lt. Col. John E. Kirk, Personnel Administration Division, Department of Army, testified on S. 1790 and 1795, and Capt. Ira Nunn, Judge Advocate General's Office, Department of Navy, on S. 1520.

Subcommittee on Education and Training considered, but took no action on, S. 295, relative to detailing of Army personnel as students, observers, or investigators at educational institutions, etc., and requiring 4 years of service after such instruction, and H. R. 3657, providing for a Board of Visitors to the U. S. Naval Academy and one to the U. S. Military Academy. Col. Charles Schwarz, Army General Staff, and Lt. Col. Francis C. Eberhart, Department of Air Force, testified on S. 295; and Lt. Col. W. B. Latta, Department of Army, and Capt. Ira H. Nunn, Department of Navy, testified on H. R. 3657.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: At the hearings on S. 866, T-E-W housing bill, and related measures to establish and carry out a national housing policy, the following witnesses testified: Frank W. Kelsey, and T. B. King of the Veterans' Administration, and Henry M. Propper, National Housing Committee. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: J. Robert Brown, Thomas Simpson, and Herbert R. Moody, committee investigators, testified for the information of the Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda in its investigation of charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UN STRUCTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Continued executive consideration of legislation relating to UN structure and relations between the United Nations and the United States. Adjourned until Tuesday, June 1.

STEEL INQUIRY

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Resumed discussions on steel requirements for oil and gas production, oil pipe lines, transportation of natural gas, refining and marketing facilities, and heard Thomas C. Blaisdell, Jr., Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce, accompanied by C. A. Hahn, head of Petroleum Negotiation Division, Department of Commerce.

JURORS—JUDGES—CONTRACTS—ALIENS

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered the following bills reported favorably to the House:

H. R. 945, relating to the payment of fees, expenses,

and costs of jurors (amended);

S. 1052, to fix the salaries of certain justices and judges

of the Territory of Hawaii;

H. R. 4659, to ratify and confirm amendments to certain contracts for the furnishing of petroleum products to the United States (amended);

S. 2432, to amend Alien Registration Act of 1940, so as to require resident aliens to notify the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization of their current address once each year (amended); and

Twenty-two private claims bills, and three private

immigration bills.

Seven private claims bills and three private immigration bills were tabled.

COLORADO WATER RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 4 heard the following witnesses on H. J. Res. 225 and related bills, to authorize the commencement of an action by the United States to determine interstate water rights in the Colorado River: C. A. Carson, general counsel, Interstate Stream Commission of Arizona, Phoenix, Ariz.;

Judge Fred E. Wilson, member, Colorado River Basin States Committee, representing New Mexico, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; Representatives Murdock and Dawson; Arvin B. Shaw, Jr., assistant attorney general of California; Northcutt Ely, special counsel, Colorado River Board of California; and Jean Breitenstein, attorney for Colorado Water Conservation Board, Denver, Colo.

COMMERCIAL AIRSHIPS

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: The following witnesses testified at the hearings on H. R. 6153 and 6628, authorizing the Maritime Commission to provide for the development of lighter-than-air rigid airships for commercial use: Representative Clason; P. W. Litchfield, chairman of the board, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., and president of Goodyear Aircraft Co.; and Vice Adm. C. E. Rosendahl, USN (retired). Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

POST OFFICE BILLS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 4786, providing promotions for temporary employees of the custodial service of the postal service (amended);

H. R. 5943, private bill;

H. R. 6089, regarding salaries of postmasters in relation to receipts;

H. R. 6368, to issue commemorative stamp for Palo-

mar Mountain observatory (amended);

H. R. 6406, providing procedures for control of use of penalty mail by Government departments (amended);

H. R. 6618, to provide for certain administrative expenses in the Post Office Department, including retainment of pneumatic-tube systems (amended);

H. R. 6634, issuance of commemorative stamp for Moina Michael, originator of Flanders Field memorial poppy idea; and

H. J. Res. 411, issuance of commemorative stamp for William Allen White, American literary genius.

LAND CLAIM

Committee on Public Lands: The Subcommittee on Public Lands approved for reporting to the full committee H. R. 5655, confirming claim of Juan Berrar to certain lands in Louisiana, and deferred action on H. R. 6497, patent to certain lands to Dugas & LeBlanc, Ltd., in Louisiana. Jacob N. Wasserman, chief counsel, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, testified on these bills.

Newton B. Drury, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, testified on H. R. 2312, acquisition by U. S. of property of Rainier National Park Co. No action was taken on this measure.

NAVY PUBLIC WORKS

Committee on Rules: Reported H. Res. 619, providing 2 hours of debate on H. R. 6341, a bill to authorize

the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction of certain public works.

Heard Representative Barden, who opposed a resolution providing consideration for H. R. 6401, the selective-service bill. Hearings on the resolution will be continued at a date to be announced.

PHILIPPINE VETERANS ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Emmet O'Neal, U. S. Ambassador to the Philippines; Richard R. Ely, Division of Philippine Affairs, State Department; and Rev. James Edward Haggerty testified on H. R. 4073, to provide a more satisfactory program of benefits relating to active service in the armed forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines during World War II. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TAX REVISION

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported to the House H. R. 6712, to provide for tax-revenue revision and correct tax inequities.

Joint Committee Meetings

LABOR

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: Continuing hearings on labor-management relations, the committee received testimony from Vincent J. Malone, president, Marine Firemen—Pacific Coast (independent), San Francisco, advocating a full closed shop with the unbridled right of unions to have their hiring halls.

George B. Logan, general counsel, Associated Industries of Missouri, St. Louis, opposed any legislation which would remove union-authorization elections; he felt that the general welfare plans should not be subject to bargaining.

Louis S. Belkin, general counsel, International Chemical Workers Union, AFL, Akron, urged the repeal of the union-authorization election requirements. He expressed general dissatisfaction with the workings of the existing NLRB and felt that there should be more teeth in the anti-Communist provision of the act. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ECONOMIC REPORT

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: Chairman announced that his committee had concluded its hearings for this session of Congress, after receiving testimony on a study of uniform reserve requirements for member banks of the Federal Reserve System from Carl Bopp, vice president of research for Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia; Winfield Riefler, special assistant to the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Woodlief Thomas, director of research for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee met in executive session with members of the Atomic Energy Commission and its area managers to discuss AEC programs.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D395)

S. 1979, authorizing studies of soft-shell clam in New England States. Signed May 26, 1948 (P. L. 556); and H. R. 5298, establishing the Civil Air Patrol as a civilian auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force. Signed May 26, 1948 (P. L. 557).

Friday, May 28, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Treasury-Post Office appropriation and second decontrol bills, and adopted five conference reports, clearing two for President.

House passed bills on world health, business census, and cigarette taxes.

Disease-research and injury-compensation bills approved by House committees.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 6668-6671

Bills Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2766 to S. 2771.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2469 and H. R. 5065, to amend the Internal Revenue Code so as to exempt hospitalized servicemen and veterans from admissions tax when admitted free, with amendments (S. Repts. 1423 and 1424);

H. J. Res. 384, to permit foreign articles to be imported duty-free for exhibition purposes at the International Industrial Exposition, Inc., Atlantic City (S. Rept. 1425);

S. 2617, to include certain lands in the Carson National

Forest, N. Mex. (S. Rept. 1426);

S. 2743, providing for the more expeditious determination of certain claims filed by Ute Indians, with amendments (S. Rept. 1427);

H. R. 3628, to revise the method of issuing patents for public lands, with amendments (S. Rept. 1428);

H. R. 5151, private bill (S. Rept. 1429);

H. Con. Res. 129, creating a joint committee to investigate our Pacific island possessions and trust territories for the purpose of recommending legislation establishing civil government therein, with amendments-referred to Committee on Rules and Administration (S. Rept. 1430);

S. 286, to authorize construction of a research laboratory for the Quartermaster Corps in Boston, with

amendment (S. Rept. 1431);

S. 1797, advancement of certain naval officers, with

amendments (S. Rept. 1432);

S. 2680, to prevent disclosures of information concerning cryptographic systems of the U.S., with amendments (S. Rept. 1433);

S. 2319, directing Census Bureau to make survey of physically handicapped citizens (S. Rept. 1434);

S. 2580, to authorize the VA to convey land in Tennessee to the city of Johnson City, with amendments

(S. Rept. 1435); and

S. Res. 244, to provide an additional \$25,000 for expenditures for the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs (no written report)-referred to Committee on Rules and Administration.

Bills Referred: One House-passed bill was referred to appropriate committee. Page 6669

Bill Placed on Calendar: H. Con. Res. 197, authorizing continuance of Joint Committee on Housing until July 15, 1948, was placed on calendar.

Irrigation Project: Motion of Senator Connally entered on January 14, 1948, to reconsider H. R. 3834, Fort Sumner irrigation project, was adopted. The bill was then restored to the calendar. Page 6695

Bills Cleared for President: Conference reports on the following two bills were adopted, clearing them for the President:

Carrier Agreements: S. 110, to amend the ICC Act relative to agreements between interstate carriers; and

Government Employees: S. 1486, to pay salaries for period of separation from Government service to persons improperly removed. Pages 6641-6668, 6680-6681

Conference Reports Adopted: The following conference reports were adopted by the Senate:

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Filtration Plant: H. R. 2359, providing for construction of water-filtration plant on West Point Military Reservation;

Military Installations: S. 1676, Army and Air Force

construction at military installations; and

Civil Service: H. R. 4236, preventing discrimination against physically handicapped persons in the civil service. Pages 6679-6680, 6681

Second Decontrol: Senate passed, with amendments, H. R. 6659, extension of certain provisions of Second Decontrol Act of 1947, after substituting the language of S. 2746 for the House-passed language of H. R. 6659; the reported version of S. 2746 had been further amended by Gurney amendment, authorizing Army to increase facilities for production of nitrogenous fertilizers to extent of 50 percent of export requirements to nonoccupied areas. S. 2746 was indefinitely postponed. The Senate then asked for a conference and appointed Senators Flanders, Buck, and Maybank as conferees on the part of the Senate. Pages 6671-6679

Treasury-Post Office Appropriations: H. R. 5770, proposing to appropriate \$2,010,601,200 for Treasury-Post Office Departments for 1949, was passed by voice vote following adoption of all committee amendments. Considerable debate preceded adoption of committee amendment increasing funds for Bureau of Internal Revenue by \$10,530,000.

Senate asked for a conference and appointed as conferees Senators Cordon, Reed, Bridges, Saltonstall,

Flanders, Tydings, McKellar, and Hayden.

Pages 6683-6695

Nominations: Received nominations of Henry F. Grady, California, to be Ambassador to Greece; Joseph J. Hancock, Kentucky, to be U. S. district judge of the Canal Zone; Noble J. Johnson, Indiana, to be judge of U. S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals; and Richard B. McEntire, Kansas, to be a member of the SEC.

Confirmations: Three civilian nominations, including that of Charles Franklin Brannan, Colorado, to be Secretary of Agriculture, were confirmed, along with one hundred and thirty-three Navy and nineteen Marine Corps nominations. Page 6696

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN ECONOMIC AID

Committee on Appropriations: Committee continued hearings on the proposed appropriations for foreign economic aid, with Gov. Dwight Griswold, Chief, Greek-Turkish Mission; George McGhee, Coordinator of Aid to Greece and Turkey; and John D. Jernegan, Chief of Division of Greek, Turkish, and Iranian Affairs, discussing U. S. aid to Greece, Turkey, and Iran. Hearings continue June 1.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee opened and concluded hearings on H. R. 6500, legislative appropriations for 1949, then met in executive session and finished marking it up for reporting to the full committee.

GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee concluded hearings on H. R. 6481, Government Corporations appropriations for 1949, after receiving testimony from the following witnesses, together with their respective assistants in behalf of funds for their respective corporations: Senator Hill and Representative Rankin, and P. L. Smith, National Association of Electric Companies who testified on TVA steam plant; Raymond M. Foley, Administrator of HHFA; William K. Divers, HLBB; J. T. Egan, Commissioner of PHA; I. W. Duggan, Governor of the FCA; George N. Brennen, Commissioner of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks; C. R. Arnold, Commissioner of PCA; J. R. Islieb, Land Bank Commissioner of FFMC; Dillon S. Myer, Institute of Inter-American Affairs; South Trimble, Jr., Chairman of Board of Inland Waterways; A. F. Conner, Associate Commissioner of the Federal Prison Industries, Inc.; and Gen. J. C. Mehaffey, Governor of Panama Canal, in behalf of Panama Railroad.

The following outside witnesses also testified, as follows: Douglas Whitlock, chairman, Building Products Institute Committee, on housing; George Corlett, commissioner of Production Credit Associations; Lynn Grant, PCA's of Connecticut; Joseph H. Francis, National Fur Farm Association, Morgan, Utah-all on farm funds generally; and Chester C. Thompson, American Waterways Operators, Inc., on funds for inland waterways.

D. C. APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on H. R. 6430, D. C. appropriations for 1949, met in executive session to mark up its bill. Subcommittee meets again on this on Tuesday.

HOME LOANS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Special subcommittee on H. R. 2799, amending Federal Home Loan Bank and National Housing Act relative to certain capital-stock retirements and insurance premiums and assessments, heard Under Secretary of Treasury Wiggins testify in support of the legislation, but oppose the provision which would allow investment of Government funds in insured accounts of savings and loans associations which are members of the Federal Savings and Loan Corporation. He also advised against reduction of assessment premiums required from members of the FSLIC.

RUSSIAN AGREEMENTS

Committee on Foreign Relations: In executive session the committee voted to report to the Senate the information submitted to the committee by the State Department in connection with S. Res. 213, calling on the President for information concering the Potsdam agreements and violations thereof by Soviet Russia. This report, and accompanying exhibits, will be printed and released to the public, it is hoped, some time tomorrow.

The nominations of Henry F. Grady, California, to be Ambassador to Greece, and Philip C. Jessup, New York, to be deputy representative of the U.S. with rank of minister in the Security Council of the UN, were reported to the Senate.

PACIFIC ISLANDS INVESTIGATION AND COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: In executive session committee approved for reporting to the Senate H. Con. Res. 129, creating a joint committee to investigate our Pacific island possessions and trust territories for the purpose of recommending legislation establishing civil government therein, and S. Res. 244, to provide an additional \$25,000 for expenditures for the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. These resolutions must now go before the Committee on Rules and Administration for its approval before they will be ready for Senate consideration.

COMMUNISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued hearings on H. R. 5852, to control un-American and subversive activities (so-called Mundt-Nixon bill), and received testimony in opposition to the bill from the following witnesses: Representative Marcantonio; Osmond K. Fraenkel, American Civil Liberties Union; William Z. Foster, Communist Party; David Scribner, United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America, CIO; Joseph Cadden, Civil Rights Congress; George Wuchnich, American Slav Congress; Albert Kahn, National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions; Thomas Emerson, National Lawyers Guild; Lewis G. Hines, national legislative representative, AFL; and Mr. Walsh. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL AID TO HIGHWAYS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee met in executive session to consider H. R. 5888, Federal aid to highways, but made no announcement of action taken. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

OIL AND STEEL SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Oil and Steel Subcommittees continued their investigation of oil and steel supply and distribution with members of the Steel Products and Steel Producers Industry Advisory Committees, listed below, par-

ticipating in a round-table open discussion of the supply of steel for all users, with particular reference to independent fabricators and producers. The subcommittees requested that the advisory committees prepare a report on solution of the problem as to how independent fabricators and producers can be helped, and report the same back to the Small Business Committee within 10 days. David F. Austin, vice president, U. S. Steel Corp., of Delaware, was named chairman of the committee. The

witnesses follow: Paul Mackall, Bethlehem Steel; A. J. Hazlett, Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.; Henry Booher and D. B. Carson, Sharon Steel Corp.; J. M. Schlendorf, Republic Steel; W. E. Watson, Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.; John A. Ingwerson, Armco Steel Corp.; L. E. Creighton, Rotary Electric Steel Co.; Howard B. Johnson, Atlantic Steel Co.; James A. Henry, National Steel Corp.; J. L. Hamilton, Jr., Granite City Steel Co.; J. K. Beeson, Pittsburgh Steel; and David F. Austin.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eighteen public bills, H. R. 6734-6751; six private bills, H. R. 6752-6757; and one resolution, H. Res. 620, were introduced. Pages 6746-6747

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Conference report on H. R. 6407, to encourage the development of an international air-transportation system (H. Rept. 2070);

H. R. 6634, issuing a special series of stamps honoring Moina Michael, originator of Flanders Field memorial poppy idea (H. Rept. 2071);

Four private bills: H. R. 329, 1501, 1795, and 4590

(H. Repts. 2072–2075, respectively);

Report entitled "Survey and Study of the Postal

Service" (H. Rept. 2076);

H. R. 4650, ratifying and confirming amendments to certain contracts for the furnishing of petroleum products to the U.S. (H. Rept. 2077);

H. J. Res. 411, issuing a stamp commemorative of

William Allen White (H. Rept. 2078);

H. R. 6368, issuing a stamp in commemoration of the dedication of the Palomar Mountain observatory (H. Rept. 2079);

H. R. 5943, a private bill (H. Rept. 2080);

S. 1037, authorizing revision of boundaries of Caribou National Forest, Idaho (H. Rept. 2081);

S. 873, a private bill (H. Rept. 2082);

H. R. 5693, amending an act entitled "An Act To Establish a Uniform System of Bankruptcy Throughout the United States" (H. Rept. 2083);

H. R. 5048, authorizing the transfer of certain mineral rights of the United States in lands located in Missouri

(H. Rept. 2084);

H. R. 5263, authorizing the transfer of certain mineral rights of the United States in lands located in Indiana (H. Rept. 2085);

H. R. 6089, amending the act of July 6, 1945 (Public Law 134) to correct an inequity affecting incumbent postmasters in certain post offices (H. Rept. 2086);

H. R. 6712, providing for revenue revision and correcting tax inequities (H. Rept. 2087); and

Conference report on H. R. 5607, Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and the Judiciary appropriation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 2088).

Pages 6697, 6730, 6746-6747

Veto Message: Received message from the President expressing disapproval of H. R. 1308, a private bill, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Civil Service: Adopted conference report on S. 1486, providing for salary payments for periods of separation from Government service in the case of persons improperly removed from such service.

Business Census: Passed, by voice vote, H. R. 6208, providing for collection and publication of statistical information by the Bureau of the Census. This bill provides for rescheduling the censuses of manufacturers, business, and mineral industries, and also authorizes the taking of a census of transportation. Subsequently, by unanimous consent, a companion bill, S. 554, was taken from the Speaker's table and passed after the provisions of the House bill had been inserted as an amendment, following which the House bill was tabled. H. Res. 599, providing for consideration of, and waiving points of order against, the bill, was previously adopted.

Cigarette Taxes: Passed, with amendments, H. R. 5645, assisting States in collecting sales and use taxes on cigarettes. This bill is designed to prevent avoidance of State sales and use taxes on cigarettes, through their shipment directly to consumers in taxing States from sources outside their borders. H. Res. 605, providing for consideration of, and 2 hours of debate on, the bill, was previously adopted. Pages 6708-6730

World Health: Adopted H. J. Res. 409, providing for membership and participation by the United States in the World Health Organization and authorizing an

appropriation therefor. The bill also limits expenditures to \$1,920,000 per annum. Subsequently, by unanimous consent, S. J. Res. 98, a companion bill, was taken from the Speaker's table and passed after the text of the House had been inserted as an amendment, following which the House measure was tabled. H. Res. 602, providing for consideration of H. J. Res. 409, was previously adopted.

Navy Public Works: Adopted H. Res. 619, providing for consideration of, and 2 hours of general debate on, H. R. 6341, authorizing \$130,000,000 for certain naval public works for 1948, then postponed further action on the resolution until next week.

Pages 6734–6737

Committee Meetings

MILITARY-NAVY BILLS

Committee on Armed Services: The Subcommittee on Education and Training approved the following bills for reporting to the full committee:

H. R. 4984, maintaining corps of cadets at Military Academy and regiment of midshipmen at Naval Academy at full strength (amended);

S. 1214, Holloway-plan amendments, to facilitate administrative procedures under the Naval Officers Training Act;

H. R. 6494, to provide that National Guard and Organized Reserve Corps personnel shall have common Federal appointment or enlistment as reserves of the AUS, to equalize disability benefits applicable to such personnel;

H. R. 3657, providing for a Board of Visitors to the U. S. Naval Academy and one to the U. S. Military Academy (amended); and

S. 295, relative to detailing of Army personnel as students, observers, or investigators at educational institutions, etc., and requiring 4 years of service after such instruction.

The following bills were laid on the table:

S. 2033 and 2034, relating to increasing the number of cadets and midshipmen from the District of Columbia to be appointed at the Naval and Military Academies; and

S. 1801, to authorize attendance of civilians at schools conducted by Army, Navy, and Air Force, and Joint-Service Schools.

Lt. Col. W. T. Latta and Col. Robert Lancefield, both of the Department of the Army, and Commander David Martineau, Department of the Navy, testified on H. R.

4984; Vernon E. West, D. C. Corporation Counsel, Col. Robert Lancefield, and Commander Martineau testified on S. 2033 and 2034; and Colonel Lancefield also testified on S. 1801.

LAND EASEMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: The Legal Subcommittee approved the following bills to be reported to the full committee:

H. R. 6633, to authorize exchange of lands between San Diego and the United States;

S. 2592, return of certain lands to Puerto Rico;

S. 2593, easement of land at Pungo, Va.; and

S. 1551, sale of land by the Navy.

Representative Fletcher testified on H. R. 6633; Phillip W. Kelleher, Department of the Army, testified on S. 2592; Rear Adm. John J. Manning, chief, and W. R. Dudley, Real Estate Division, both of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, testified on H. R. 6633, S. 2592, and 2593.

COMPENSATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 5739, liberalizing Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act benefits (amended); and

H. R. 6045, amending act providing compensation for injury, etc., of employees of contractors with United States.

SCHOOL ASSISTANCE

Committee on Education and Labor: The Education Subcommittee held hearings on H. R. 6527, providing assistance to certain local school agencies overburdened with war-incurred or postwar national-defense-incurred enrollment, and heard testimony of George H. Field, Bureau of Community Facilities, FSA.

PROPAGANDA—VOICE OF AMERICA

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda continued its study on charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California and heard the testimony of Albert Watson, committee auditor, and Alfred R. Golzé, Director, Office of Programs and Finance, Bureau of Reclamation. Will meet again Tuesday.

Chenoweth subcommittee opened hearings on investigation of the Voice of America broadcasts by the State Department, and heard the testimony of George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs; Charles Thayer, Acting Chief of International Broadcasting Division of the State Department in New York; Charles Denny, counsel for the National Broadcasting Co.; Messrs. Brooks and Richardson, officials of NBC; and Mr. Halling, State Department employee of New York. Will meet again Tuesday.

DISEASE RESEARCH

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Ordered the following bills reported favorably to the House; all of which would amend the Public Health Service Act:

H. R. 6726, relating to research in dental diseases and conditions;

S. 2215, amended to contain the text of H. R. 6729, relating to research in diseases of the heart and circulation, and State aid in development of community control programs; and

H. R. 6732, to support research and training in poliomyelitis.

TAX COURT DECISIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 4 ordered reported favorably to the full committee, H. R. 5687, relating to the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of appeals to review decisions of the Tax Court. Also considered, but took no action on, H. R. 4928, to amend the Contract Settlement Act of 1944 so as to authorize the payment of fair compensation to persons contracting to deliver certain strategic or critical minerals or metals in cases of failure to recover reasonable costs.

METALS AND MINERALS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining continued its study of strategic and critical metals and minerals and also considered H. R. 6623, to create a Mine Incentive Payments Division within the Interior Department, and restore the premium-price plan of payments for submarginal metals. Testifying before the subcommittee were Ralph S. Cannon and Walter White, geologists, U. S. Geological Survey. Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security in executive session worked on the final

draft of its social-security legislation. Will meet again Tuesday.

Joint Committee Meetings

LABOR

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: Continuing hearings on labor-management relations, the committee received testimony from Ola C. Cool, Labor Relations Institute of New York, recommending a continuation of union-shop elections, the outlawing of threats of strikes to force violations of the law, and the elimination of the question of welfare funds as a subject of bargaining.

Woodruff Randolph, president, International Typographical Union, defended the constitution, bylaws, and policies of the International Typographical Union, and suggested that the Taft-Hartley law be amended to repeal the section which spells out unfair labor practices for unions.

John Daniels, New York, submitted a plan on joint operation and management of industry which he deems to be the solution for the ills between labor and management. Committee continues June 1.

STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees on H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations for 1949, reached agreement over the differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of the bill. Details on agreement will be made public tomorrow, and the report is expected to be ready for filing over the week end.

ATOMIC ENERGY

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee met in executive session with members of the Atomic Energy Commission to consider AEC budget programs and fiscal matters.

BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Law

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D400)

S. J. Res. 217, requesting President to designate Memorial Day of 1948 as a day for Nation-wide prayer for peace. Signed May 29, 1948 (P. L. 558).

Tuesday, June 1, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

State-Justice-Commerce appropriation bill cleared for President.

Senate passed 50 unobjected-to bills on call of calendar, and worked on displaced-persons bill.

Treasury-Post Office supplemental appropriation bill passed by House.

Senate groups acted on various bills.

Equal-rights amendment resolution, 17 armed-service, and 8 veterans' bills ordered reported by House committees.

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 6747-6753

Bills Introduced: Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2772 to S. 2785; S. J. Res. 224 and 225; S. Res. 246. Pages 6748-6749

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 2245, to repeal the oleomargarine tax, with amendments (S. Rept. 1437);

S. 2616, providing for the issuance of a special postage stamp on dedication of Palomar Mountain observatory (S. Rept. 1438). Page 6748

Bill Referred: One House-passed bill was referred to appropriate committee.

Calendar Bills Passed: On call of the calendar, 50 unobjected-to bills, of which 4 were private, were passed as follows:

Without amendment and cleared for President:

Archives: H. R. 3638, to provide statutory authority for certain appropriations for National Archives;

Stamp: H. J. Res. 340, authorizing stamps commemorative of the American Turners Society in the U.S.;

Stamp: H. J. Res. 341, authorizing stamps commemorative of founding of Fort Kearney, Nebr.;

Newsprint: H. R. 5553, to extend to July 1, 1949, duty-free entry of newsprint of 9 to 15 inches in width;

C. & O. Canal: H. R. 5155, to authorize joint survey of parkway along the C. & O. Canal;

Surplus Sand: H. R. 5283, disposal of surplus sand at Fort Story, Va.;

Right-of-Way: H. R. 6056, construct railroad rightof-way in Richmond County, N. Y.;

Hawaii: H. R. 6091 and H. R. 3680, amending Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920;

Irrigation: H. R. 4954, authorizing construction of Kennewick division of Yakima irrigation project, Washington;

Scrap Metal: H. R. 6242, continuing until June 30, 1949, the duty-free importation of scrap metals;

National Park: H. R. 5587, adding certain lands to Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, N. Dak.; Foreign Travel: H. R. 6078, amending the ICC Act relative to foreign-cruise travel;

Beverages: H. R. 5965, amending the Tariff Act of 1930, relative to duties on certain beverages;

Exposition: H. J. Res. 384, to permit foreign articles to be imported duty-free for exhibition purposes at the International Industrial Exposition, Inc., Atlantic City; and

Private Bills: 2 private bills: H. R. 1572 and 5151. With amendment to be sent back to House:

D. C. Fire Dept.: H. R. 3433, amending D. C. Code, to provide for two-platoon system in Fire Department;

Home Loans: H. R. 2798, amending Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, regarding State conversion of Federal savings and loan associations;

National Park: H. R. 5816, amending the act relative to establishment of Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, N. Dak.;

Admissions Tax: H. R. 5065, to amend the Internal Revenue Code, to exempt hospitalized servicemen and veterans from admissions tax when admitted free (S. 2469 was indefinitely postponed); and

Patents: H. R. 3628, to revise the method of issuing patents for public lands.

Without amendment and cleared for House:

Stamp: S. J. Res. 154, authorizing issuance of stamps commemorative of the poultry business.

Air Mail: S. 2281, to provide for an air parcel-post service;

Mining Claims: S. 2479, providing for the suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in the U. S.;

Post Office: S. 2510, authorizing certain administrative expenses in Post Office Department, including pneumatic-tube systems;

Export-Import: S. 2549, to increase the lending authority of Export-Import Bank of Washington;

Hospital Liens: S. 2643, compensation payment of

liens to D. C. hospitals;

Army Reserves: S. 2622, relative to common Federal appointment of personnel of the National Guard and ORC and to equalize disability benefits applicable to such personnel;

Mystic River: S. 2553, to convey lands to Mystic River Bridge Authority for bridge at Chelsea, Mass.;

Panama Railroad: S. 2747, to amend the Canal Zone Code for the purpose of incorporating the Panama Railroad Company; and

Carson Forest: S. 2617, to include certain lands in the

Carson National Forest, N. Mex.

With amendment and cleared for House:

National Security: S. 1561, to permit Secretaries of State, War, Navy, and Atomic Energy Commission to terminate employment of persons whom they deem would endanger our national security;

Forest Lands: S. 582, to pay an annual 2 percent of fair value of national forest lands to respective States

or Territories;

Postal Employees: S. 1861, to provide promotions for certain temporary employees of the postal service;

Indians: S. 1243, to pay certain funds to Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon;

Post Offices: S. 2495, to authorize adjustment of rentals paid for premises leased for 10 or more years for use as post offices;

D. C. Parking: S. 2642, to amend D. C. Parking Act

relative to off-street parking;

Army-Navy Research: S. 1560, to authorize War and Navy Departments to establish research advisory committees, etc., and to employ scientific and technical personnel;

Travel Allowance: S. 2174, amending sections of the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942 relative to travel and per diem allowances:

diem allowances;

Industrial Reserve: S. 2554, to provide for retention and maintenance of a national reserve of industrial

productive capacity;

Armed Services: S. 2505, to clarify the position of Air Force Secretary and to authorize Secretaries of Army, Navy, and Air Force to establish 15 positions each in the professional and scientific service, and the Secretary of Defense to establish 6;

Motor Carriers: S. 1260, to provide for settlement of claims for damages resulting from Federal operation of

103 motor carriers;

Yachts: S. 2186, relating to yachts belonging to yacht clubs;

Potholes Dam: S. J. Res. 202, to change the name of Potholes Dam in Columbia Basin to O'Sullivan Dam; Puerto Rico: S. 2675, to amend the Organic Act of Puerto Rico;

Indians: S. 2743, in re claims filed by Ute Indians; Naval Officers: S. 1797, advancement of certain naval officers; and

Private Bills: Two private bills: S. 1274 and 1275.

Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1807, to extend Export Control Act and Title III of Second War Powers Act.

Pages 6752-6788

Displaced Persons: Senate continued debate on S. 2242, to authorize the admission within 2 years of 100,000 displaced persons for permanent residence, rejecting by 31 yeas to 40 nays, Ferguson amendment, as modified, providing that visas be issued to DP's according to nationality or groups on a proportional basis.

Pages 6791-6811, 6812-6813

State, Justice, Commerce Appropriations: Adopted conference report on H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations, clearing the bill for the President.

Pages 6811-6813

Nominations: Five civilian and sixty-one Marine Corps nominations were received; one postmaster nomination was withdrawn.

Pages 6813-6814

Confirmations: Confirmed the nominations of Philip C. Jessup, New York, to be deputy representative of the U. S., in the Security Council of UN; Henry F. Grady, California, to be Ambassador to Greece; and Raymond Thomas McElligott to be rear admiral in the Coast Guard.

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Committee Meetings

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee opened hearings on H. R. 6705, Interior appropriations for 1949, receiving testimony in support of funds for the Department generally, for the Bureau of Mines, the Geological Survey, and the Bureau of Land Management from the following witnesses, accompanied by their assistants, respectively: Secretary of Interior Krug; James Boyd, Director of Bureau of Mines; W. E. Wrather, Director of Geological Survey; and Marion Clawson, Director of the Bureau of Land Management. Hearings continue tomorrow.

D. C. APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee concluded marking up H. R. 6430, D. C. appropriations for 1949. Subcommittee will report the bill to the full committee tomorrow.

FOREIGN ECONOMIC AID

Committee on Appropriations: Committee continued its hearings on proposed appropriations for the ECA, receiving testimony from Secretary of Treasury Snyder and State Department officials.

FEDERAL SECURITY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: On Saturday, May 29, committee met in executive session on H. R. 6355, Federal Security Agency supplemental appropriations, but did not reach a vote on reporting it to the Senate.

NAVAL VESSELS

Committee on Armed Services: In executive session, committee voted to report, without amendment, S. 2400, to authorize President to stop work on specified combatant vessels notwithstanding statutory provisions for increase and replacement of naval vessels. Committee meets again tomorrow.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee, in executive session, on May 29, agreed to recommend to the full committee the enactment of a new bill embodying as much of the language of S. 2736, disposal of temporary housing, as is comparable to H. R. 5710. This action was taken after the subcommittee had received testimony on the subject from Raymond M. Foley, HHFA Administrator, and his assistants.

RECIPROCAL TRADE

Committee on Finance: Committee opened hearings on H. R. 6556, 1-year extension of Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, with William L. Clayton, special adviser to the Secretary of State, and Russell Smith, Farmers Union, testifying in support of a 3-year unrestricted extension of the trade-agreements program. Hearings continue tomorrow.

VOICE OF AMERICA

Committees on Foreign Relations and Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Foreign Relations Subcommittee and Special Investigating Subcommittee of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments opened joint hearings on investigation of the Voice of America, and received testimony from Assistant Secretary of State George V. Allen, who defended the State Department's program and submitted proposals for avoidance in the future of activities which subjected the program to congressional criticism. Rene Borgia, the drafter of the original script of the series under congressional criticism, explained the part he took in the NBC in the preparation of this portion of the Voice of America program. Hearings continue tomorrow.

TERRITORIES AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Territories and Insular Affairs met in executive session on May 29 to consider pending bills on calendar. Action taken will be reported to the full committee at its next meeting.

FPC NOMINATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee concluded its hearings on the nomination of Thomas C. Buchanan to be a member of the FPC, after receiving testimony in opposition to it from A. B. Millar, managing director, and Robertson Cameron, assistant to the managing director, both of the Pennsylvania Gas Association, Harrisburg; and James McIntosh, of the law firm of Morgan, Lewis, and Bockius, Philadelphia.

COMMUNISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings on H. R. 5852, to control un-American and subversive activities (so-called Mundt-Nixon bill), on Saturday and Monday, receiving testimony from the following witnesses:

Testifying in support of the bill on Saturday was John R. O'Brien, Americanism committee, Marine Corps League, Inc.; in opposition to the bill were Norman Thomas, Socialist Party; Rockwell Kent, president, International Workers Order, and president, Artist League of America; Henry A. Wallace; Robert W. Kenny, former attorney general for California; Isaac Pacht, Prison Board, Crime Commission, and California Council of Civic Unity; Julian Cornell, lawyer and writer, Friends Committee on International Relations; William Haber, Civil Rights Congress of Ohio; and Philip Bartell, attorney, National Lawyers Guild, Cleveland branch.

On Monday, Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, Yonkers, N. Y.; and Kenneth Parkinson and Godfrey L. Munter, D. C. Bar Association, testified in support of the bill; the following testified in opposition: Horace S. Meldahl, Charleston, W. Va.; James Imbrie, New Jersey Independent Citizens League; Paul Robeson, singer; Aaron Lewittes, American Jewish Congress; O. John Rogge, attorney, New York; Joseph Kehoe, American Communications Association, CIO; William S. Laurence, Longshoremen, CIO, of Los Angeles; Alexander Washington, Joseph Connor, and Manuel Guardado, Local 600, CIO, Dearborn, Mich.; David Scribner, UE-CIO; Joseph W. Straley, University of North Carolina; and Ewart G. Guinier, United Public Workers of America, CIO.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee finished up its hearings on S. 1320, to provide a national health-insurance and public-health program, and S. 545,

to create an independent national health agency, after Dr. Marjorie Shearon, a specialist on public-health legislation, concluded her testimony, expressing her views on the proposed measures.

CIVIL SERVICE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Committee approved for reporting, without amendment, the following bills:

S. 784, to provide maternity leave for Government employees;

S. 2517, to amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of 1930 relative to annual leave accrued at death;

H. R. 5112, amending the Civil Service Retirement Act relative to Members of Congress who leave their office to serve in the U. S. armed forces;

H. R. 2588, requiring use of Government-owned motor vehicles in delivery of mail under certain conditions; and

S. 2616, providing for the issuance of a special postage stamp on dedication of Palomar Mountain observatory.

The committee voted to approve a measure which Senator Baldwin said he proposed to introduce to establish a Government corporation to take over operations of Government Services, Inc.

In further action on measures, the committee ordered postponed S. 1701, relative to reemployment rights; held over for a week S. 1492, unemployment compensation, and S. 202, appointment of substitute rural carriers from an eligible register; and postponed hearings on H. R. 5272 and S. 2127, to prevent loss of promotion or reduction in salaries of railway postal clerks.

Chairman appointed Senators Stennis and Baldwin to serve with Senator Johnston of South Carolina on a subcommittee on S. 202, substitute rural carriers' examinations.

Nomination of Wayne C. Grover of Utah to be Archivist of the U. S. was ordered reported.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' EFFICIENCY RATINGS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee held further hearings on S. Res. 105, to investigate the efficiency-rating systems for Federal employees, and S. Res. 124, to investigate complaints of civil-service employees as to efficiency ratings, receiving testimony on efficiency ratings of employees of the Government and of private industry from the following witnesses: R. S. Driver, Atlantic Refining Co., Philadelphia; E. E. Howard, Armstrong Cork Co., Lancaster; Irving Kessler, John B. Stetson Co., Philadelphia; Mr. Edison, American Can Co., New York; Elmer Gray, Woodward & Lothrop; and John Elinson, Opinion Research Institute, Washington.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Committee on Public Works: In executive session, committee approved for reporting H. R. 3402, relative to refinancing bridge over the Mississippi River at Rulo, Nebr.; H. R. 3915, regarding Arkansas-Mississippi River Bridge Commission; and S. 2591, acceptance of statue of Gen. José Gervasio Artigas from Uruguay.

Subcommittee on Roads, in executive session, on May 29, agreed to report to the full committee H. R. 5888, Federal aid to highways, which the full committee considered today but failed to reach a final vote on reporting. Committee meets again in executive session on this bill tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eleven public bills, H. R. 6758-6768; two private bills, H. R. 6769 and 6770; and three resolutions, H. Res. 621-623, were introduced.

Pages 6849-6850, 6853

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 6758, supplemental Treasury and Post Office Departments appropriation bill, 1949 (H. Rept. 2089); Conference report on H. R. 2389, a private bill (H.

Rept. 2000);

S. 2455, limiting the liability of certain persons not in

possession of aircraft (H. Rept. 2091);

H. R. 4690, authorizing Canadian vessels to service Hyder, Alaska (H. Rept. 2092);

H. R. 6618, providing for retainment of pneumatictube system in the Post Office Department (H. Rept. 2093);

H. R. 6047, amending the act which provides compensation for injury, death, or detention of employees of contractors with the United States and certain other persons, or reimbursement therefor (H. Rept. 2094);

H. R. 6647, to increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (H. Rept. 2005);

H. R. 5842, providing for acquisition of land along the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway in exchange for dredging privileges (H. Rept. 2006);

H. R. 6162, amending Internal Revenue Code (imposing a tax on fermented liquors) (H. Rept. 2097);

S. 2201, authorizing State of Maryland to construct, maintain, and operate bridges across or tunnels under the Chesapeake Bay near Sandy Point, Md. (H. Rept. 2008);

H. R. 5418, providing for rebuilding of dam on Wolf Creek, Terryton, Tex., and for repair of Rita Blanca Dam, Delhart, Tex., and four dams on the Fox River,

Wis. (H. Rept. 2009);

S. 1035, providing for acquisition of the hospital at Camp White, Oreg., by the Veterans' Administration

(H. Rept. 2100);

H. R. 6300, land easement for the construction and operation of bridge approaches over and across land of the United States Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass. (H. Rept. 2101);

S. 2503, conveying certain land to the State of Virginia

at Pungo, Va. (H. Rept. 2102);

S. 2592, returning certain lands situated in Puerto Rico in accordance with terms of the conveyances to the

U. S. Government (H. Rept. 2103);

H. R. 6633, authorizing exchange of land and interests therein between city of San Diego, Calif., and the United States (H. Rept. 2104);

S. 1520, providing reimbursement to Post Office Department by the Navy for certain shortages in postal

accounts (H. Rept. 2105);

S. 1795, repealing certain regulations governing inquiries to be made in connection with disbursements by Army disbursing officers (H. Rept. 2106);

S. 1790, authorizing longevity credit for service of

persons under 18 years of age (H. Rept. 2107);

H. R. 4786, providing for automatic grade raises for certain temporary postal employees (H. Rept. 2108);

Fifteen private bills: H. R. 355, 1782, 1783, 1910, 2349, 2395, 2435, 2531, 3727, 4179, 4292, 4458, 4644, 5484, and S. 1551 (H. Repts. 2109–2123, respectively);

H. Res. 621, providing for consideration of, and 1 hour of debate on, H. R. 6228, providing for construction of shore protective works at Nome, Alaska (H. Rept.

2124);

H. Res. 622, providing for 1 hour of debate on, and waiving points of order against, H. R. 5710, disposing

of temporary war housing (H. Rept. 2125);

H. Res. 623, providing for 1 hour of debate on, and waiving points of order against, S. 263, providing for the carrying of mail on star routes (H. Rept. 2126);

S. 153, authorizing preparation of replica of Dade Monument for presentation to State of Florida (H. Rept.

2127);

H. R. 6332, authorizing lease of federally owned building to Temple Methodist Church of San Fran-

cisco, Calif. (H. Rept. 2128);

H. R. 5134, relating to allowances for authorized travel expenses incurred by VA beneficiaries and attendants for vocational-rehabilitation purposes (H. Rept. 2129);

H. R. 5734, conveyance of certain land in Wyoming

(H. Rept. 2130);

H. R. 6234, establishment of internships in VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery (H. Rept. 2131);

H. R. 6507, to amend National Service Life Insurance Act to authorize renewal of level-premium-term insurance for a second 5-year period (H. Rept. 2132);

H. R. 6716, transfer portion of VA center at Los Angeles to the State of California for use of the Uni-

versity of California (H. Rept. 2133); and

H. R. 6730, extending provisions of GI bill of rights relating to authority of VA to enter into leases not exceeding 5 years (H. Rept. 2134).

Pages 6849-6850, 6851-6853

Private Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Private Calendar:

Cleared for the President: S. 252, 314, 825, 1055, 1206,

1588, 1729, 1771, 1886, 1941, and 2060.

Sent to Senate without amendment: H. R. 435, 3984, 4047, 4261, 4298, 4702, 4830, 5169, 6083, and 6428.

Sent to Senate, amended: H. R. 1076, 1528, 2142, 2551, 2552, 2916, 3062, 3713, 4516, 4663, 4994, 5147, 5270, 5421. Also agreed to H. Res. 606.

Passed over without prejudice: S. 1281 and 1573, H. R.

915, 1902, 2431, 2508, and 6186.

Recommitted: H. R. 2508.

Pages 6820-6827

Presidential Powers: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6659, continuing for a temporary period certain powers, authority, and discretion conferred on the President by the Second Decontrol Act of 1947, agreed to a conference requested by the Senate, and appointed Representatives Wolcott, Gamble, Smith of Ohio, Kunkel, Spence, Brown of Georgia, and Patman as conferees.

State, Justice, Commerce Appropriations: Adopted conference report on H. R. 5607, making appropriations for the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce and the Judiciary. Receded and concurred in all Senate amendments except amendment No. 39, on which the House insisted. This amendment increases by \$112,660 the fund provided for establishment of air navigation facilities.

Pages 6827-6829, 6829-6837

Treasury-Post Office Supplemental Appropriations: Passed H. R. 6758, making supplemental appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments for fiscal year 1949. This bill provides \$190,538,755 for the agencies of the Treasury Department, and \$57,875,500 for the Post Office Department. The amount provided by this measure is \$106,791,120 less than the budget estimate.

Veterans Hospital: Passed S. 1035, providing for acquisition of the hospital at Camp White, Oreg., by the Veterans Administration, thus clearing the bill for Presidential action.

Pages 6842-6843

Navy Public Works: Resumed consideration of H. R. 6341, authorizing certain naval public works construction, but did not arrive at any final conclusion thereon.

Pages 6843-6849

Powers of Appointment: Agreed to Senate amendment to H. J. Res. 395, extending the time for release, free of estate and gift tax, of powers of appointment, thus completing congressional action.

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Committee Meetings

PLANT PEST

Committee on Agriculture: Opened hearings on H. R. 5405 and S. 2137, identical bills to provide for the protection of potato and tomato production from the golden nematrode, with Representative Macy, sponsor of H. R. 5405, and Dr. Sievert A. Rohwer, Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, Agricultural Research Administration, Department of Agriculture, testifying in favor of the legislation.

Also considered H. R. 5473, to extend financial assistance to homestead entrymen, with Representative Sanborn, sponsor of H. R. 5473, and E. D. Eaton, Assistant Director of Operation and Maintenance, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior, speaking in favor of the bill.

MILITARY-NAVAL BILLS REPORTED

Committee on the Armed Services: Ordered the following 17 bills reported to the House:

H. R. 3657, Boards of Visitors for Naval and Military Academies, amended;

H. R. 5036, authorizing attendance of U. S. Marine Band at Marine Corps League assembly in Milwaukee, Wis.;

H. R. 6247, provide for national air defense and establish composition of Air Force;

H. R. 6300, land easement for bridge construction at U. S. Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass.;

H. R. 6494, to provide that personnel of National Guard and Organized Reserve Corps shall have common Federal appointment as AUS reserves and to equalize disability benefits applicable to such personnel;

H. R. 6633, authorize exchange of lands between San

Diego and United States;

H. R. 6707, amending Officer Personnel Act relative to retirements, amended;

S. 153, authorizing replica of Dade Monument, Fla.;

S. 295, relative to detailing of Army personnel as students, observers, or investigators at educational institutions, etc., and requiring 4 years of service after such instruction;

S. 1214, Holloway-plan amendments, to facilitate administrative procedures under the Naval Officers Training Act;

- S. 1520, adjustment of postal accounts of commissioned officers;
 - S. 1551, to authorize sale of land in Rhode Island;
- S. 1783, to provide for retention in the service of certain disabled Army personnel;
- S. 1790, credit for certain service performed before age 18;
 - S. 1795, regulations affecting disbursement officers;
- S. 2592, to authorize Secretaries of Army, Navy, and Air Force to return certain land in Puerto Rico; and
- S. 2593, conveyance of highway right-of-way in Virginia.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: At the hearings on S. 866, T-E-W housing bill, and related measures to establish and carry out a national housing policy, George Lyle, Michigan Veterans' Housing Committee, and Robert L. Berry, representing DAV, opposed the "public housing" provisions of the T-E-W bill; and Donald Whitlock, chairman, of the Building Products Institute, opposed the entire Senate bill. Hearings continue tomorrow.

VOICE OF AMERICA-PROPAGANDA

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Chenoweth subcommittee continued hearings on the investigation of the Voice of America broadcasts by the State Department, and heard the testimony of Rene Borgia, formerly with NBC, who drafted the original script of the series now under congressional criticism; Holland H. Sargent, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs; and Charles Denny, counsel for NBC. Hearings continue tomorrow.

The Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda heard testimony from A. J. Watson, committee investigator; Alfred R. Golzé, Director, Office of Programs and Finance, Bureau of Reclamation; and John Kastl, chief of accounts, region 2, Sacramento, Calif. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UN STRUCTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Resumed executive consideration of legislation relating to UN structure and relations between the United Nations and the United States. Will meet again tomorrow.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Completed hearings on H. R. 6007 and S. 2385, establishing a National Science Foundation as an independent agency to develop and encourage a national policy for scientific research and education; initiate and support scientific research on matters relating to national defense; and establish special commissions on cancer, heart diseases, poliomyelitis, etc. The following witnesses testified:

Charles Sawyer, Secretary of Commerce; Dr. Lawrence R. Hafstad, Executive Secretary, Research and Development Board, National Military Establishment; Dr. J. A. Reyniers, department of bacteriology, University of Notre Dame; Dean H. P. Hammond, dean of engineering, Pennsylvania State College; Hon. John J. O'Connor, attorney, representing National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; Dr. Hart E. Van Riper, medical director, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; Dr. Hugh Wolfe, professor of physics, New York City College, who also represented the Federation of American Scientists; George E. Folk, patent adviser, NAM, New York City; and Fritz Lanham, Washington, D. C. Also received statement of Robert C. Goodwin, Director of the USES, Labor Department.

EQUAL RIGHTS—BANKRUPTCY—DEPORTA-TION—TAX REVIEWS

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered the following bills reported favorably to the House:

H. J. Res. 397, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women;

H. R. 6657, amending section 77 of the Bankruptcy Act, prohibiting inclusion in any plan of reorganization any provision affecting existing authority of any State or State regulatory agency relating to service or rates;

H. R. 6652, exempting deportation proceedings from certain requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act; and

H. R. 5687, relating to the jurisdiction of the circuit courts of appeals to review decisions of the Tax Court.

CANAL ZONE EMPLOYEES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The Rees subcommittee, last Saturday, considered and approved for reporting to the full committee, H. R. 6292, providing that civil-service examinations for Federal employment in the Panama Canal Zone shall be open only to citizens or persons who owe allegiance to the United States. Testifying on the bill were R. M. Lovelady, president and legislative representative, AFGE, Balboa, C. Z.; Paul C. Daniels, Director of American Republic Affairs, State Department; Arthur S. Flemming, U. S. Civil Service Commissioner; Col. Charles I. Stengle, legislation representative, AFGE, Harry Hayden, American Legion; and Thomas G. Walters, legislative representative, Government Employees Council, AFGE. Statements were also received from Walter J. Jones, legislative representative, Canal Zone Central Labor Union; and Luther Steward, legislative representative, AFFE.

FEDERAL LANDS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Public Lands approved for reporting to the full committee

S. 1504, confirming title to saline lands in Illinois to D. H. Brush and others. Considered, but deferred action on, H. R. 2312, authorizing Secretary of Interior to acquire property and facilities of Mount Rainier National Park Co., and H. R. 5984, participation of States in revenues from national parks, monuments, etc. Conrad L. Wirth, National Park Service, testified in support of H. R. 5984. Will meet again tomorrow.

BRIDGES—DREDGING

Committee on Public Works: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

S. 2201, relative to construction of bridges in Maryland; and

H. R. 5842, acquisition of additional land along Mount Vernon Highway.

STAR ROUTES—SHORE PROTECTION—WAR HOUSING

Committee on Rules: Reported a resolution waiving points of order against, and providing for 1 hour's debate on, S. 263, to provide for the carrying of mail on star routes. Representatives Rees, Vursell, and Murray of Tennessee were heard in favor of the resolution.

Reported a resolution providing 1 hour's debate on H. R. 6228, to provide for the construction of shore-protective works at the town of Nome, Alaska. Representatives Angell and Crawford were heard in favor of the resolution.

Reported a resolution waiving points of order against, and providing 1 hour's debate on, H. R. 5710, to dispose of temporary war housing constructed under provisions of the Lanham Act of 1940. Representatives Dondero, McGregor, and Whittington were heard in favor of the resolution.

Heard Representatives Welch, Peterson, Hardie Scott, Walter, and Maloney, in favor of a resolution providing consideration for H. R. 5053, providing for the establishment of the Independence National Historical Park at Philadelphia. No action was taken on the resolution.

Heard Representatives Welch, Crawford, and Peterson, who favored, and Representative Miller of Nebraska, who opposed, a resolution providing consideration for H. R. 5904, to incorporate the Virgin Islands Company. No action was taken on the resolution.

VETERANS' BILLS REPORTED

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

S. 1035, to authorize veterans' hospital at Camp White, Medford, Oreg.;

H. R. 5134, relating to allowances for authorized travel expenses incurred by VA beneficiaries and attendants for vocational-rehabilitation purposes;

H. R. 5734, conveyance of certain land in Wyoming; H. R. 6234, the establishment of internships in VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery; H. R. 6507, to amend National Service Life Insurance Act to authorize renewal of level-premium-term insurance for a second 5-year period;

H. R. 6635, to provide a secondary market for vet-

erans' home loans;

H. R. 6716, transfer portion of VA center at Los Angeles to the State of California for use of the University of California; and

H. R. 6730, extending provisions of GI bill of rights relating to authority of Veterans' Administrator to enter

into leases not exceeding 5 years.

Heard the testimony of Representative Mitchell on H. R. 6635; Representative Nixon on H. R. 6381, similar to H. R. 6635; Representative Fletcher on H. R. 6635 and 6381; and Representative Ellsworth on S. 1035. Also heard the following officials of the Veterans' Administration: Dr. E. H. Cushing, Assistant Medical Director; Frank M. Gerardi, Assistant Director, Insurance Claims Service; Guy H. Birdsall, Assistant Administrator for Legislation; Col. W. D. Bowie, Real Estate Service; Glenn H. Staley, Special Services; and Edward T. Johnson, Canteen Service.

Also considered H. R. 6550, relating to salaries of employees of Veterans' Canteen Service, which will be among other bills scheduled for tomorrow's hearing.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Unanimously approved a report of the Subcommittee on Social Security. This report would add approximately 3,500,000 persons to the social-security program under provisions of the bill which would permit employees of States and-local governments to join in the old-age-insurance plan, if the local governments approve; and permit participation by employees of certain nonprofit organizations now excluded, if their organizations choose. No provisions were made for a general increase in benefits, nor does it provide for any raise in the social-security taxes prior to an automatic increase in 1950.

Joint Committee Meetings

LABOR

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: In executive session, the committee voted unanimously to recommend to the House and Senate that no legislation be enacted at this time embodying the objectives of the bills by Senator Ives (S. 2614, to amend the NLRA so as to eliminate the necessity of holding an election as a condition to the making of an agreement requiring membership in a labor organization as a condition of employment) and Representative Landis (H. R. 6455, to amend the NLRA to eliminate certain elections required by such act).

The committee staff was instructed to check with the NLRB to determine if the workload on the NLRB re-

sulting from the union elections could not be overcome administratively within the existing law or in the absence of new legislation.

It was also agreed that the remainder of the hearings on labor-management relations, beginning June 3, would begin each morning at 9 a. m. in order to have more time, since the two Houses have adopted a program of convening earlier.

Continuing hearings on labor-management relations, the committee heard Hyman Blumberg, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO, testify in favor of making welfare funds the subject of compulsory bargaining.

The following three witnesses felt that union welfare and pension plans are not proper subjects for collective bargaining: Kenneth O. Bates, Armstrong Cork Co., Lancaster, Pa.; Robert Abelow, attorney for Weil, Gotshal & Manges, New York; and Russell G. Creviston, Crane Co., Chicago. Hearings continue tomorrow.

ECA

Joint Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation: Committee met in executive session to consider organizational problems and to hear progress report from its staff.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D405)

S. 1305, defining notice requirements before public lands reserved as power sites are declared open to location for entry. Signed May 28, 1948 (P. L. 559);

S. 1525, to provide transportation for certain Government and other personnel. Signed May 28, 1948

(P. L. 560);

S. 1874, compensation for holders of grazing permits and licenses for losses sustained by reason of such use of public lands for national defense purposes. Signed May 28, 1948 (P. L. 561);

H. R. 3510, to authorize airport in Anchorage, Alaska.

Signed May 28, 1948 (P. L. 562);

S. 1050, relative to distribution of payments from potassium leases under act of October 2, 1917. Signed June 1, 1948 (P. L. 563);

S. 1723, to authorize the appointment of cadets and midshipmen from Canada. Signed June 1, 1948 (P. L.

564);

S. 2077, authorizing exchange of certain property in Kearney, Nebr. Signed June 1, 1948 (P. L. 565);

H. R. 3219, authorizing appointment of special policemen on property under jurisdiction of FWA. Signed June 1, 1948 (P. L. 566); and

H. R. 5193, to amend the Nationality Act relative to naturalizing aliens who served in armed forces. Signed June 1, 1948 (P. L. 567).

Résumé of Congressional Activity

1,049

7,876

SECOND SESSION OF 80TH CONGRESS

The following are tables on nominations and legislative activity, run monthly in the DAILY DIGEST.

The first table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

The second table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the House and Senate during this session, January 6, 1948, through May 31, 1948.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 6-MAY 31, 1	948
Postmaster nominations, totaling 1,085, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	83
Withdrawn	17
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	985
Army nominations, totaling 2,668, disposed of as follows:	imite s
Confirmed	2,654
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	14
Air Force nominations, totaling 1,230, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,230
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	None
Navy nominations, totaling 1,118, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1, 117
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 707, disposed of as follows:	No. 19
Confirmed	707
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	None
Civilian nominations other than postmasters, totaling 2,135, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2, 085
Withdrawn	I
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	49
Summary	to Hann
Total nominations received	8, 943
Total rejected	None
Total withdrawn	18
Total unconfirmed	1,049
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Total confirmed

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 6 through May 31, 1948

	Senate	House	Total
Days in session	85	84	
Time in session	410 hrs., 22'	387 hrs., 57'	
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	3, 357	3, 571	6, 928
Appendix			3,578
Public bills enacted into law	69	98	167
Private bills enacted into law.	72	115	187
Bills in conference	d ashrair	Guil.	**18
Bills through conference	April of the Carlo	HOLE IN	20
Measures passed, total	632	762	
Senate bills	235	151	
House bills	304	439	
Senate joint resolutions	15	10	
House joint resolutions	12	20	2161
Senate concurrent resolu-			
tions	8	9	17
House concurrent resolu-		BEV W	
tions	19	23	
Simple resolutions	39	110	149
Measures reported, total	*691	777	F30.
Senate bills	280	133	
House bills	300	509	
Senate joint resolutions	25	3	
House joint resolutions	16	36	
Senate concurrent resolu-		District All St	ar High
tions	0	4	
House concurrent resolu-		of on an iona	
tions	17	12	TO DE
Simple resolutions	44	80	124
Special reports	19	51	
Conference reports			26
Reported measures not acted	e within 201	A Marianday	0.78187
on	**129	**235	
Measures introduced, total	983	2, 344	2 227
Bills	847	1, 926	3, 3 ² 7 2, 773
Joint resolutions	53	131	184
Concurrent resolutions	19	81	100
Simple resolutions	64	206	270
Quorum calls	154	and the same of the same	189
Yea-and-nay votes	56	35	
*These figures on measure	THE BUILDING A	49	105

calendar or acted on by Senate even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 627 reports has been filed in the Senate; a total of 854 has been filed in the House.

**This figure does not agree with the total difference between bills reported and bills passed, because resolutions and bills placed on the House Calendar without having been formally reported were not included in figures of measures reported to the House; the difference in the case of Senate figures is due to uncounted bills "laid on the table" or "indefinitely postponed." These data include bills on calendar and in conference at the end of the first session.

TABLE OF APPROPRIATION BILLS, EIGHTIETH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Bill No.		Title	Budget esti- mates	House			Senate				Public law			
				100		Date passed	Amount as passed	Date reported	Amount as reported	Date passed	Amount as passed	Date approved	Amount as approved	Law No.
H. R.	5214	Independent Offices	\$1,048,456,864	Jan. 30	\$991,583,551	Feb. 4	\$991,518,551	Mar. 12	\$967,705,551	Mar. 15	\$967,705,551	Apr. 20	\$967,442,551	491
H. R.	5524	Army-Civil Functions	737,804,300	Feb. 24	606,558,766	Feb. 26	606,558,766	Apr. 23	708,586,666					
H. R.	5525	Urgent Deficiency, 1948	131,546,901	Feb. 24	131,015,385	Feb. 24	131,015,385	Feb. 26	137,339,385	Feb. 27	137,489,385	Mar. 4	136,368,385	430
H. R.	5607	State-Justice-Commerce	589,417,230 215,823,330 116,997,000 236,843,500 19,753,400	Feb. 27	503,420,263 197,217,463 116,300,700 171,087,000 18,785,100	Mar. 5	503,590,263 197,217,463 116,300,700 171,257,000 18,785,100	Apr. 23	516,029,937 205,985,477 116,655,700 174,036,660 19,352,100	Apr. 26	516,029,937 205,985,477 116,655,700 174,036,660 19,352,100			
H. R.	5728	Labor. Labor. Federal Security. Federal Security. Related agencies.	931,539,169 16,600,300 259,170,319 655,768,550	Mar. 5	905,405,250 12,498,200 239,788,500 653,118,550	Mar. 8	905,405,250 12,498,200 239,788,500 653,118,550	Apr. 22	890,751,440 14,909,990 220,072,900 655,768,550	Apr. 26	890,751,440 14,909,990 220,072,900 655,768,550			
H. R.	5770	Treasury-Post Office	2,044,949,200 334,304,700 1,710,644,500	Mar. 9	1,981,722,350 290,453,100 1,691,269,250	Mar. 11	1,981,722,350 290,453,100 1,691,269,250	May 24	2,010,601,200 308,998,600 1,701,602,600	May 28	2,010,601,200 308,998,600 1,701,602,600			
H. R.	5883	Agriculture	635,332,480	Mar. 16	543,283,453	Mar. 18	545,533,453	May 12	580,270,278	May 25	580,400,278			
H.J.R	s. 355	Foreign Aid—Tax Refunds	555,125,000	Mar. 22	555,125,000	Mar. 22	555,125,000	Mar. 25	555,125,000	Mar. 29	555,125,000	Mar. 31	555,125,000	470
H. R.	6055	First Deficiency, 1948	1,002,175,316	Mar. 30	346,678,152	Apr. 1	338,378,152	Apr. 23	780,179,479	Apr. 26	780,179,479	May 10	777,986,045	519
H. R.	6226	Supp. Nat'l Defense, 1948: Cash	964,100,000 1,453,000,000	Apr. 14	923,100,000 1,453,000,000	Apr. 15	923,100,000 2,275,000,000	Apr. 30	958,200,000 2,275,000,000	May 6	958,200,000 2,275,000,000	May 21	949,000,000 2,275,000,000	547
H. R.	6355	Supp. Fed. Sec. Agency, 1949	993,708,460	Apr. 27	969,050,000	Apr. 29	969,050,000							
H. R.	6430	District of Columbia	101,897,283	May 4	101,164,983	May 5	101,164,983							
H. R.	6481	Government Corporations	49,644,100	May 7	37,979,061	May 11	37,979,061							
H. R.	6500	Legislative	61,187,620	May 11	55,859,690	May 13	55,859,690							
H. R.	6705	Interior	459,970,835	May 26	375,677,591	May 27	375,692,591							

Wednesday, June 2, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

WAC-WAVE bill cleared for President.

Senate passed displaced-persons bill.

Military Establishment appropriation and naval public-works bills passed by House.

Senate groups approved legislative, Federal Security, and D. C. appropriation bills, and adversely reported Buchanan nomination to be member of FPC. Social-security and railroad-retirement bills ordered reported by House committees.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 6853-6858, 6918-6920

Bills Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2786 to S. 2789; S. J. Res. 226; and S. Res. 247.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2591, acceptance of statue of Gen. José Gervasio

Artigas from Uruguay (S. Rept. 1439);

S. Res. 213, calling on the President for information concerning the Potsdam agreements and violations thereof by Soviet Russia (reported adversely) (S. Rept. 1440);

H. R. 3402, relative to refinancing bridge over the

Missouri River at Rulo, Nebr. (S. Rept. 1441);

H. R. 3915, regarding Arkansas-Mississippi River

Bridge Commission (S. Rept. 1442);

H. R. 5112, amending the Civil Service Retirement Act relative to Members of Congress who leave their office to serve in the U. S. armed forces (S. Rept. 1443);

H. R. 6355, Federal Security Agency supplemental appropriations for 1949, with amendments (S. Rept. 1444);

H. R. 6430, District of Columbia appropriations for 1949, with amendments (S. Rept. 1445);

H. R. 6500, legislative appropriations bill for 1949, with amendments (S. Rept. 1446);

S. 1447, requiring humane treatment of imported wild animals and birds, with amendments (S. Rept. 1447);

H. R. 2721, maintenance of water level in upper Mississippi River for wildlife purposes, with amendments (S. Rept. 1448);

S. 2400, to authorize President to stop work on specified combatant vessels notwithstanding statutory provisions for increase and replacement of naval vessels (S. Rept. 1449);

S. 2621, authorizing the extension of the functions and duties of Federal Prison Industries, Inc., to military disciplinary barracks (S. Rept. 1450);

S. 2770, fixing the rank of the assistant to the Chief of Engineers in charge of river and harbor and flood-control improvements (S. Rept. 1451);

H. R. 5344, preventing retroactive checkage of retired pay in the cases of certain enlisted men and officers

(S. Rept. 1452);

H. R. 4272, to furnish headstones or markers for graves of honorably discharged members of the armed forces, including Union and Confederate, with amendment (S. Rept. 1453);

H. R. 5758, permitting certain relatives of deceased veterans to receive benefits of armed forces leave bonds

(S. Rept. 1454);

H. R. 3735, to convey Santa Rosa Island, Fla., to Okaloosa County, with amendments (S. Rept. 1455);

H. R. 4032, authorizing delegation of power to Secretary of Navy certain discretionary powers of the President (S. Rept. 1456);

H. R. 5882, to authorize the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force to donate surplus property for educational purposes, with amendment (S. Rept. 1457).

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Bills Referred: Twenty-five House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

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UNRRA Report: President transmitted Twelfth Quarterly Report of Operations of UNRRA, April 1 to June 30, 1947.

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Poultry Stamp: Passed H. J. Res. 246, authorizing issuance of stamps commemorative of the poultry business, after discharging the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service from further consideration of the bill. S. J. Res. 154, which had been passed, was reconsidered, and the House was requested to return it for indefinite postponement.

World Health: Senate asked for a conference on S. J. Res. 98, providing for membership and participation by the U. S. in the World Health Organization and author-

izing an appropriation therefor, and Senators Vandenberg, Connally, and Lodge were appointed conferees.

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Displaced Persons: Senate, by 63 yeas to 13 nays, passed, with amendment, S. 2242, to authorize the admission within 2 years of 200,000 displaced persons for permanent residence, after taking the following action on amendments:

By voice vote, adopted Ferguson amendment, as modified, providing that displaced persons' housing shall be safe and sanitary; Brooks amendment, as modified, giving priority in issuance of visas to DP orphans and to DP's who fought the Axis and cannot return to own countries because of persecution; McCarthy amendment concerning admission of orphans for purpose of adoption; and two Langer amendments providing that certain persons of German ethnic origin, who are presently citizens of Germany, shall, for purpose of U. S. immigration laws, be deemed to be German natives and that general consular activities in Germany and Austria be resumed for visa issuance.

Rejected, by 29 yeas to 49 nays, Ferguson amendment relating to definition of eligible displaced persons; by 35 yeas to 50 nays, Ferguson amendment giving Displaced Persons Commission all functions necessary for selection, transportation, and settlement of eligible DP's; by voice vote, Ives amendment, as modified, respecting admission of orphans for adoption purposes; by division vote, the Baldwin amendment to admit 15,000 DP aliens already residing in the U. S. as visitors or students arriving subsequent to September 1, 1939, but prior to April 1, 1948; by 27 yeas to 50 nays, Kem amendment as a substitute to the bill to admit 70,000 DP's per year for 2 years with the DP's charged against quota already allowed each country.

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Nominations: Senate received 20 civilian and 1 Navy nomination; 1 postmaster nomination was withdrawn.

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Confirmation: Nomination of Wayne C. Grover, Utah, to be Archivist of U. S., was confirmed.

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Treaties Ratified: Senate ratified the following treaties:

Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation With Italy (Exec. E, 80th Cong., 2d sess.);

Convention With France for the Avoidance of Double Taxation (Exec. A, 80th Cong., 1st sess.), together with a Supplementary Protocol With France Relating to Taxes on Estates and Inheritances (Exec. G, 80th Cong., 2d sess.);

Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation With China (Exec. J, 80th Cong., 1st sess.); and

International Telecommunication Convention (Exec. B, 80th Cong., 2d sess.).

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Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE, FEDERAL SECURITY, AND D. C. APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: In executive session the committee voted to report the following three appropriation bills:

H. R. 6500, legislative appropriations for 1949;

H. R. 6355, Federal Security Agency supplemental appropriations for 1949; and

H. R. 6430, District of Columbia appropriations for

1949.

As approved by the committee, H. R. 6500 would appropriate \$56,362,726, an increase of \$503,036 over the House-approved bill. The House passed the bill providing a total of \$55,859,690; the budget estimates on which these appropriations are based total \$61,379,520.

As approved, H. R. 6355 would appropriate \$983,227,319, an increase of \$14,177,319 over the House-approved figure. As the House passed the bill, it would provide for \$969,050,000; the budget estimates on which these appropriations are based total \$993,708,460.

As approved, H. R. 6430 would appropriate \$99,567,-983, a net reduction of \$1,597,000 under the House-approved figure. The House passed the bill providing a total of \$101,164,983; the budget estimates on which the appropriations are based total \$101,897,283.

ARMED SERVICE BILLS REPORTED

Committee on Armed Services: In executive session the following bills were approved for reporting to the Senate:

With amendment:

H. R. 3735, to convey Santa Rosa Island, Fla., to Okaloosa County (committee had acted on this bill on May 25, but it was reconsidered today);

H. R. 4272, to furnish headstones or markers for graves of honorably discharged members of the armed forces, including Union and Confederate Armies;

H. R. 5882, to authorize the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force to donate surplus property for educational purposes; and

Without amendment:

S. 239, relating to the Board of Visitors of the Naval Academy and postgraduate school;

S. 2366, to remove present restriction on appointments to the Navy Medical Service Corps;

S. 2400, to authorize President to stop work on specified combatant vessels notwithstanding statutory provisions for increase and replacement of naval vessels;

S. 2621, authorizing the extension of the functions and duties of Federal Prison Industries, Inc., to military disciplinary barracks;

S. 2670, relating to the receipt of pay, allowances, travel, or other expenses while drawing a pension, disability allowance, or retired pay;

S. 2770, fixing the rank of the assistant to the Chief of Engineers in charge of river and harbor and flood-control improvements;

H. R. 3883, transfer of vessel Hygiene to Territory of

Alaska;

H. R. 4032, authorizing delegation to Secretary of Navy certain discretionary powers of the President; and

H. R. 5758, permitting certain relatives of deceased veterans to receive benefits of armed forces leave bonds.

Fifteen armed service nominations were also favorably reported. Committee meets again tomorrow.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 6705, Interior appropriations for 1949, receiving testimony in support of funds for the Department generally, Office of the Secretary, Office of Solicitor, Division of Territories and Island Possessions and Government in the Territories, Board on Geographic Names, and Bureau of Indian Affairs from the following witnesses, accompanied in each instance by their assistants, respectively: Assistant Secretary William E. Warne; Vernon D. Northrop, Office of the Secretary; Mastin G. White, Solicitor for the Department; James P. Davis, Director, Division of Territories and Island Possessions; Meredith F. Burrill, Director, Board on Geographic Names; and William Zimmerman, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In a night session last evening, the subcommittee heard Milton C. James, assistant director, on funds for the Fish and Wildlife Service. Subcommittee continues tonight with further testimony from William Zimmerman on Bureau of Indian Affairs.

RECIPROCAL TRADE

Committee on Finance: Continuing hearings on H. R. 6556, 1-year extension of Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, the committee heard the following witnesses testify in support of a 3-year unrestricted extension of the trade-agreements program: Oscar B. Ryder, Chairman, U. S. Tariff Commission; Morris S. Rosenthal, National

Council of American Importers, Inc.; Clem Johnston, U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Mildred Northrup, associate professor of economics, Bryn Maŵr; William S. Swingle, National Foreign Trade Council; James B. Carey, CIO; Alger Hiss, Carnegie Endowment of International Peace; and Robert H. Patchin, W. R. Grace & Co. Hearings continue tomorrow.

VOICE OF AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Relations and Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittees of these two committees continued the joint hearing on investigation of the Voice of America program, with Charles R. Denny, vice president and general counsel of NBC, testifying. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Indian Affairs met in executive session to consider bills pending on its calendar. Action taken by the group will be reported to the full committee at its next meeting.

FPC NOMINATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: In executive session, by a vote of 2 to 1, the subcommittee voted to report adversely the nomination of Thomas C. Buchanan to be a member of the FPC.

BASE-POINT PRICING—COURT DECISIONS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Committee opened hearings on S. Res. 241, to study the impact upon business and consumers from the Supreme Court decision in the so-called Cement Institute Basing Point case and other recent decisions of that Court, and of the lower Federal courts, with the following members of the FTC discussing the possible effect such impact resulting from court decisions would have on business and consumers: Robert E. Freer, Chairman, Ewin L. Davis, Garland S. Ferguson, and William A. Ayres, all members of the FTC. Hearings continue Friday.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eighteen public bills, H. R. 6771-6788; five private bills, H. R. 6789-6793; and four resolutions, H. J. Res. 416-418, and H. Res. 624, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 6771, Army-Air Force appropriation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 2135);

H. R. 6772, Department of the Navy appropriation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 2136);

Two private bills: H. R. 1220 and 5113 (H. Repts.

2137 and 2138, respectively);

S. 1747, authorizing credit in certain accounts of U. S. property and disbursing officers under the War Department (H. Rept. 2139);

H. R. 6652, amending the act of June 11, 1946, as amended, relative to immigration and nationality laws (H. Rept. 2140);

Conference report on S. 1676, authorizing construction at military installations (H. Rept. 2141);

Conference report on H. R. 2359, contribution toward construction of water-filtration plant at Highlands Falls, N. Y. (H. Rept. 2142);

S. 1791, transferring certain lands at Camp Phillips,

Kans., to the Army (H. Rept. 2143);

S. 2215, providing for a National Heart Institute (H. Rept. 2144);

H. R. 6707, to amend the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 (H. Rept. 2145);

H. R. 3657, reorganization of Boards of Visitors to Military and Naval Academies (H. Rept. 2146);

H. R. 6494, to provide a common Federal appointment or enlistment for personnel of National Guard and Organized Reserve Corps (H. Rept. 2147);

S. 295, relative to detailing of Army personnel as

students (H. Rept. 2148);

S. 1214, Holloway-plan amendments to facilitate administrative procedures under the Naval Officers Training Act (H. Rept. 2149);

H. R. 5036, authorizing attendance of U. S. Marine Band at Marine Corps League assembly in Milwaukee,

Wis. (H. Rept. 2150);

H. R. 6406, providing for control of the use of penalty mail by Government departments (H. Rept. 2151);

H. R. 6628, providing a program in the field of lighterthan-air aeronautics under U. S. Maritime Commission (H. Rept. 2152);

H. R. 4365, approval of the Gulf States marine fish-

eries compact (H. Rept. 2153);

H. R. 6766, amending Railroad Retirement Act and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act relative to pensions (H. Rept. 2154);

S. 1052, fixing the salaries of certain judges of the

Territory of Hawaii (H. Rept. 2155);

H. R. 5687, relating to jurisdiction of circuit courts of appeals to review decisions of the Tax Court (H. Rept. 2156);

H. R. 6635, providing a secondary market for loans made under Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944

(H. Rept. 2157);

H. R. 6726, providing for a National Institute of

Dental Research (H. Rept. 2158);

H. R. 6732, authorizing establishment of institutes to support research and training in poliomyelitis and other diseases (H. Rept. 2159);

H. R. 5154, amending section 8 (a) of Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act relative to payments

to agricultural producers (H. Rept. 2160);

H. R. 6657, amending section 77 of Bankruptcy Act (H. Rept. 2161);

H. R. 945, relating to payment of fees, expenses, and costs of jurors (H. Rept. 2162);

H. R. 6773, providing for air parcel-post service (H. Rept. 2163);

Investigation of surplus real property and consolidation of facilities of armed services in San Francisco Bay area (H. Rept. 2164);

S. 2454, amending Civil Aeronautics Act relative to recording of ownership of aircraft (H. Rept. 2165);

H. R. 6728, authorizing medical and hospital service for those employed in the maritime service (H. Rept. 2166);

Conference report on H. R. 6659, continuing for a temporary period certain powers, authority, and discretion conferred on the President by the Second Decontrol Act of 1947 (H. Rept. 2167); and

H. R. 6777, extending the coverage of the old-age and survivors' insurance system (H. Rept. 2168).

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Bills Referred: Twenty-six Senate-passed bills, passed on Tuesday, June 1, were referred to appropriate committees.

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Army-Air Force Appropriation: Passed, by a vote of 348 yeas to 2 nays, H. R. 6771, National Military Establishment, military functions appropriation bill for 1949. This measure provides \$6½ billion for the Army and the Air Force.

Pages 6943, 6945-6958

Treasury-Post Office Appropriations: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 5770, Treasury-Post Office appropriation bill for 1949, agreed to conference requested by Senate, and appointed Representatives Canfield, Dirksen, Griffiths, Schwabe of Oklahoma, Gary, Bates of Kentucky, and Jackson of Washington as conferees.

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Private Bill: By unanimous consent, H. R. 403, a private bill, was restored to the Private Calendar. Page 6958

WAC-WAVES: Adopted, by 206 yeas to 133 nays, the conference report on S. 1641, to establish the Women's Army Corps in the Regular Army and to authorize the enlistment and appointment of women in the Regular Navy and Marine Corps and the Naval and Marine Corps Reserves.

Pages 6958-6971

National Park: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 5816, amending the act relative to establishment of Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, N. Dak., completing congressional action.

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Air Transportation: Adopted conference report on H. R. 6407, to encourage the development of an international air-transportation system.

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Navy Public Works: Passed H. R. 6341, authorizing construction of certain naval public works with a space-limitation amendment pertaining to living quarters. This bill provides, for the fiscal year 1948, \$69,800,000 for public works in the United States and \$59,971,160 for public works outside continental United States. Subsequently, by unanimous consent, S. 1675, a com-

panion bill, was taken from the Speaker's table and passed after the text of the House bill had been inserted as an amendment, following which the House bill was tabled. Insisted on its amendment, asked for a conference with Senate, and Representatives Bates of Massachusetts, Arends, Cole of New York, Sasscer, and Brooks were appointed as conferees.

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Poultry Stamp: Complied with request of Senate for return of S. J. Res. 154, authorizing issuance of stamps commemorating founding of poultry business.

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Committee Meetings

PLANT PESTS—SOIL PAYMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

S. 2137, to provide for the protection of potato and tomato production from golden nematode; and

H. R. 5154, to extend the period within which the Secretary of Agriculture may carry out the purposes of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act by making payments to agricultural producers, amended.

AIR FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air Matériel heard further testimony of Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force, and Arthur S. Barrows, Under Secretary of Air Force, on H. R. 6247, providing for 70 regular Air Force groups. The measure was approved by this subcommittee Tuesday for reporting to the full committee.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Donald Whitlock, chairman of the Building Products Institute, answered questions for the information of the committee in its consideration of S. 866, T-E-W housing bill, and related measures to establish and carry out a national housing policy. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PAY INCREASES—CONDEMNATION—SERVICE FEES

Committee on District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Public Service, Streets, and Traffic approved for reporting to the full committee H. R. 5047, increasing annual salaries of the Metropolitan Police, U. S. Park Police, White House Police, and members of the Fire Department; S. 2040, condemnation proceedings for the extension of Eastern Avenue; and H. R. 6452, relative to fees for posting firemen and policemen on licensed premises for protection of public safety. The following witnesses appeared on the pay-increase bill: Horace W. Lineburg, chairman, legislative committee, Police and Fire Post 29, AL; T. G. Walter, representing AFL; Corp. Ras Neilsen, representing the D. C. Policemen's Association; and

Capt. Joseph Conroy, representing the D. C. Firemen's Association. Testifying on S. 2040 were John Foster and Henry Connell, residents of the District of Columbia. No witnesses testified on H. R. 6452, as the measure was retained for study after hearings were completed.

UNION RELATIONS

Committee on Education and Labor: The Buck subcommittee completed hearings on its study of relations between steamship companies and labor unions and heard testimony of Capt. C. P. Viveiveros, assistant superintendent, Pacific Tankers, Inc., New York City; Don C. Hall, business agent, Seafarers International Union, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Capt. William C. Ash, vice president, Masters, Mates, and Pilots Association, New York City.

ARMY ACCOUNTS—PROPAGANDA—GAO AUDIT—VOICE OF AMERICA

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Ordered the following bills reported to the House: S. 1747, authorizing credit in certain accounts of U. S. property and disbursing officers under the War Department; and H. R. 5113, a private bill. William L. Ellis, assistant to U. S. Comptroller General, testified on S. 1747.

Also adopted the report of the Surplus Property Subcommittee entitled "Investigation of Surplus Real Property and Consolidation of Facilities of the Armed Services in the San Francisco Bay Area."

The Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda investigating charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California heard testimony of Mr. Vasey, Bureau of Reclamation official, Sacramento, Calif., and Maj. A. J. Watson, a committee staff auditor. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings investigating the GAO audit heard the following officials of the General Accounting Office: Frank L. Yates, Assistant Comptroller General; Frank H. Weitzel and William L. Ellis, both assistants to the Comptroller General; R. F. Keller, attorney-adviser; J. McDonnell, staff of Office of Administrative Planning; A. B. Thomas, Chief, Claims Division; W. J. Massie, Assistant Chief, and H. K. Wilson, special assistant, both of the Transportation Division.

The Chenoweth subcommittee continued hearings on the investigation of the Voice of America broadcasts by the State Department and heard further testimony of Holland H. Sargent, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, and Charles Denny, counsel for NBC. Juan Jose Vasquez, director of production of the series now under congressional criticism, and other employees of the National Broadcasting Co. also testified. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UN STRUCTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Continued executive consideration of legislation relating to UN structure and relations between the United Nations and the United States. Will meet again tomorrow.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Ordered reported to the House H. R. 6766, railroad retirement and unemployment insurance bill. Testifying at the hearings on this legislation were Representatives Angell, Van Zandt, Priest, O'Hara, Clason, Devitt, and Ellis; Carter Fort, vice president and general counsel, Association of American Railroads; Lester P. Schoene, general counsel, Railway Labor Executives, Washington, D. C.; Benjamin Kendrick, social-security analyst, Economic Research Department, Chamber of Commerce; and Robert Byrnes, regional vice president, B. & O. Railroad. Testifying in opposition to the bill were William J. Kennedy, chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, Chicago, Ill., and W. R. Williamson, actuarial consultant, Wyatt Co., Washington, D. C. Proponent witnesses were Herbert A. Haas, chairman, Employees Committee for Low Cost Retirement Benefits, Brooklyn, N. Y .; Harry H. Warner, chief clerk in engineering department, Savannah & Atlanta Railway Co., Savannah, Ga.; and Thomas Stack, president, National Railroad Pension Forum, Chicago, Ill.

CARRIER CLAIMS—NATURALIZATION—MINING PAYMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 agreed to recommend favorably to the full committee H. R. 6750, as amended, to create a commission to hear and determine the claims of certain motor carriers (supersedes H. R. 6012, on which hearings were held recently).

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization heard the following witnesses in support of H. R. 3135, to amend the Nationality Act of 1940, with respect to the nationality of certain Puerto Ricans: A. Fernós-Isern, Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico; Hon. S. R. Quinones, President pro tempore of the Senate of Puerto Rico; and J. H. Hayden, Jr., national legislative representative of the American Legion. Subcommittee also heard witnesses on H. R. 2905 and 6033, relative to naturalization of alien seamen, as follows: J. H. Hayden, who appeared in support of H. R. 2905 and in opposition to H. R. 6033, and Seth Levine, CIO Maritime Union, who appeared in support of H. R. 6033.

Subcommittee No. 4 ordered reported favorably to the full committee H. R. 4928, to amend the Contract Settlement Act of 1944 so as to authorize the payment of fair compensation to persons contracting to deliver certain strategic or critical minerals or metals in cases of failure to recover reasonable costs, amended.

TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Vursell subcommittee approved for reporting to the full committee S. 2152, increasing from \$4 to \$6 the maximum daily travel allowance for railway postal clerks and substitute railway postal clerks. Robert A. Rice, legislative representative, Railway Mail Association; Thomas Walters, operations director, Government Employees Council, and John Hardy, Deputy Second Assistant Postmaster General, testified on the measure.

WATER CONSERVATION, CALIFORNIA

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation approved for reporting to the full committee, with amendments, H. Res. 618, authorizing studies by a joint board of Army, Navy, and Reclamation engineers to investigate and report on the feasibility from the standpoint of national defense and other beneficial purposes of the conservation of fresh water at the northerly end of San Francisco Bay. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Subcommittee on Public Lands held executive discussions on general public-lands legislation. Will meet on call of the Chair.

FEDERAL LEASE, CALIFORNIA

Committee on Public Works: Heard committee conference report on H. R. 6332, authorizing lease of federally owned building to Temple Methodist Church of San Francisco, Calif., relative to an amendment on this bill.

LAND TRANSFER—HOME LOANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held open hearings on S. 1791, transferring certain lands at Camp Phillips, Kans., to the War Department, and H. R. 6745, authorizing the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to contract for certain investigation reports in connection with insurance claims.

The following officials of the Veterans' Administration testified: Guy H. Birdsall, assistant administrator for legislation; George L. McGurn, insurance section; T. B. King, director, loan guarantee service; and Donald C. Knapp, assistant, legislative projects service. H. F. Dunton, of California, also testified.

Later ordered reported favorably to the House S. 1791 (see title above), and H. R. 6635, to provide a secondary market for veterans' home loans.

SOCIAL SECURITY—LIQUOR TAXES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered H. R. 6777, social-security bill, reported to the House. Also held executive hearings on H. R. 6356, permitting refund or credit to brewers of taxes paid on beer lost or wasted in bottling operations, and H. R. 3860, amending the

Internal Revenue Code relative to tax on alcohol used in medicines and food products. Will meet again tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

LABOR

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: Five witnesses testified today before the committee in connection with its hearings on proposed specific amendments to the Labor-Management Act of 1947. The first witness, B. C. Forbes, president, Investors League, Inc., N. Y., suggested that the committee give much attention to the question of extending antitrust laws to unions and agreements between labor and management.

It was recommended that welfare funds and pension plans should be specifically excluded from compulsory bargaining by John Stuart, chairman of the board of Quaker Oats Co., T. S. Petersen, president, Standard Oil of California, and Edmund J. Dempsey, assistant to the president, American Cyanamide Co.

Tyre Taylor, general counsel, Southern States Industrial Council, submitted proposals to speed up procedure of NLRB and recommended that all cases involving un-

fair labor practices be submitted directly to the courts for hearing, as opposed to the NLRB. Hearings continue tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D413)

H. R. 183, transfer of lot in Fairbanks, Alaska. Signed June 1; 1948 (P. L. 568);

H. R. 3344, transferring small area in Alaska from Anchorage land district to that of Fairbanks. Signed June 1, 1948 (P. L. 569);

H. R. 5901, Colorado River development fund. Signed June 1, 1948 (P. L. 570);

H. R. 6302, amend Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 relative to options. Signed June 1, 1948 (P. L. 571);

H. J. Res. 381, relative to quartering participating troops in public buildings of the District for the Presidential inauguration ceremonies in 1949. Signed June 1, 1948 (P. L. 572); and

H. R. 4426, providing basic authority for certain functions and activities of the Weather Bureau. Signed June 2, 1948 (P. L. 573).

Thursday, June 3, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed legislative, Federal Security, and D. C. appropriation bills, and opened debate on Selective Training and Service Act.

Navy appropriation, war-housing disposal, and flood-control bills passed by House.

Senate groups approved bills on Federal aid to highways, interstate commerce, and District of Columbia.

Bills on air safety, National Science Foundation, District of Columbia, post office, and civil service approved by House committees.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2790 to S. 2804; S. J. Res, 227; and S. Res. 248.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 5888, Federal aid to highways, with amend-

ments (S. Rept. 1458);

S. 2028, regulating possession or acquisition of dangerous weapons in the D. C., with amendments (S. Rept. 1459);

S. 2466, to amend the CAA of 1938 by redefining certain powers of the Administrator, with amendment (S. Rept. 1460);

S. 2644, to provide for the development of civil transport aircraft adaptable for auxiliary military service, with amendment (S. Rept. 1461);

H. R. 6110, to authorize Canadian vessels to land halibut in Alaskan ports (S. Rept. 1462);

S. 2670, relating to the receipt of pay, allowances, travel, or other expenses while drawing a pension, disability allowance, or retired pay (S. Rept. 1463);

S. 239, relating to the Board of Visitors of the Naval Academy and postgraduate school, with amendments (S. Rept. 1464);

S. 2366, to remove present restriction on appointments to the Navy Medical Service Corps (S. Rept. 1465):

H. R. 3883, transfer of vessel Hygiene to Territory of

Alaska (S. Rept. 1466); and

S. 843, D. C. sales tax, with amendment (S. Rept. 1467).

Bill Referred: One House-passed bill was referred to appropriate committee.

Senate Office Building: Senator Sparkman was appointed to vacancy on Senate Office Building Commission.

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Poultry Stamp: The action by which S. J. Res. 154, authorizing issuance of stamps commemorative of the poultry business, had been passed was reconsidered and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

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Washington and Lee University: Passed S. J. Res. 227, on observance of two hundredth anniversary of founding of Washington and Lee University.

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Public Works: Senate requested a conference on S. 1675, to authorize Secretary of Navy to proceed with the construction of certain naval public works, and appointed as conferees Senators Gurney, Saltonstall, Baldwin, Russell, and Byrd.

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International Air-Line System: Conference report on H. R. 6407, to encourage development of an international air-transportation system, was adopted.

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Legislative, Federal Security, and D. C. Appropriations: Senate passed the following three appropriation bills:

H. R. 6500, legislative appropriation bill for 1949, appropriating \$56,362,726, was passed following adoption of all committee amendments and an amendment by Senator Cain, authorizing Secretary of the Senate to purchase insurance to protect the funds of his office against loss. A conference was requested on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions; and Senators Young, Bridges, Saltonstall, Dworshak, Tydings, Green, and Chavez were appointed as conferees.

H. R. 6355, Federal Security Agency supplemental appropriations for 1949, appropriating \$983,227,319, was passed following adoption of all committee amendments except one referring to funds for a medical scholarship program, which was also adopted after it had been perfected by an amendment of Senator Knowland. A conference on the bill was requested of the House; and Senators Knowland, Gurney, Ball, Wherry, McCarran, McKellar, and Russell were appointed as conferees.

H. R. 6430, District of Columbia appropriations for 1949, appropriating \$99,567,983, was passed after adop-

tion of all committee amendments. A conference was asked; and Senators Dworshak, Ball, Young, Cain, O'Mahoney, McCarran, and Green were appointed as conferees.

Pages 7008, 7014-7020

Selective Service: Senate began consideration of S. 2655, Selective Training and Service Act, but temporarily put it aside to take up H. J. Res. 296, social-security status quo.

Pages 6997-7014

Social Security: Senate began consideration of H. J. Res. 296, maintaining the status quo of social-security coverage, and agreed to vote on the bill and all amendments thereto at 1:30 p. m., June 4. When Senate recessed, McFarland amendment to increase Federal contributions for old-age assistance, and aid to dependent children and the blind, was left pending.

Pages 7020-7029, 7032-7040

Nominations: Received nominations of Garland S. Ferguson, Jr., of North Carolina, to reappointment to FTC, along with 55 other civilian nominations, of which 50 were postmasters, and 3,127 Navy and 1,953 Army and Air Force nominations.

Pages 7041-7067

Confirmations: Senate confirmed nomination of Richard B. McEntire, Kansas, to be member of SEC, along with 14 Army nominations to be general, and 1 Navy nomination to be Judge Advocate General.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN ECONOMIC AID

Committee on Appropriations: Continuing hearings on proposed appropriations for the ECA, committee received testimony on procurement of products for the ECA program, with particular emphasis on procurement of food, with the following witnesses testifying: Assistant Secretary of Agriculture N. E. Dodd; Under Secretary of Army William H. Draper; and D. A. Fitzgerald, general counsel, ECA. Committee meets in executive session tomorrow on this subject.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee, continuing hearings on H. R. 6705, Interior appropriations for 1949, received testimony from Senators McKellar and Hoey on funds for national parks, Butler on Virgin Islands, Watkins on Indian Affairs, and Johnson of Colorado on reclamation. Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs William Zimmerman, accompanied by his assistants, concluded his testimony on funds for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The following witnesses, accompanied by their assistants, respectively, testified on funds for Territories and island possessions and government in the Territories, soil and moisture-conservation operations, Oil and Gas Division, and National Park Service: James P. Davis, Director, Division of Territories and Island Possessions; Lee Muck, in charge of land utilization; Max W. Ball, Director, Oil and Gas Division; and Newton B. Drury, Director, National Park Service. The following witnesses testified on the Bonneville power project and REA system: Clyde T. Ellis, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; Gus Norwood, North West Public Power Association; and C. R. Belknap, Oregon State Association of Rural Electric Systems.

Subcommittee met in night session to consider funds

D. C. SALES TAX, NURSERIES, AND DANGEROUS WEAPONS

Committee on the District of Columbia: In executive session the committee approved for reporting three bills: S. 843, D. C. sales tax, after substituting for it new language embodying primarily the language of H. R. 6759; S. 2028, regulating possession or acquisition of dangerous weapons in the D. C., after rewriting the bill; and without amendment H. R. 5808, to continue day-care nursery school in the D. C. for 1 year.

Committee also reported favorably the nomination of Andrew McC. Hood to be judge of Municipal Court of Appeals for D. C.

RECIPROCAL TRADE

Committee on Finance: Committee continued its hearings on H. R. 6556, 1-year extension of Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, receiving testimony in support of the bill as it passed the House from the following witnesses: Representative Gearhart; Charles W. Holman, National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation; Dr. Robert F. Martin, Vitrified China Association; Arthur Besse, National Association of Wool Manufacturers; H. Wickliffe Rose, American Tariff League; J. M. Jones, National Wool Growers Association; John G. Lerch, Synthetic Organic Chemical Association of America; and Dr. W. P. Jacobs, American Cotton Manufacturers Association. Hearings continue tomorrow.

WESTERN GERMANY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in executive session to discuss the "future of western Germany."

VOICE OF AMERICA

Committees on Foreign Relations and Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittees of these two committees continued in joint hearings on the Voice of America program, receiving testimony from the following witnesses: Fred B. Bates, assistant to the vice president in charge of international relations; Charles R. Denny, vice president and general counsel; Stanley P. Richardson, manager, international division; Frank Nesbitt, program supervisor, international division; and William Brooks, vice president in charge of news, special events, and international relations—all of the NBC. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FPC NOMINATION-AVIATION-RR-VESSELS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Committee adopted a motion to authorize its subcommittee to make further study, at its discretion, on the nomination of Thomas C. Buchanan to be a member of the FPC, and to report its findings back to the full committee. This action was taken after the subcommittee submitted its adverse report on the nomination.

The committee approved the following bills for reporting, without amendment: S. 2192, to provide for the issuance of free passes on railroads to official watch inspectors; H. R. 2273, to grant certain benefits to Panama Canal employees; H. R. 6110, to authorize Canadian vessels to land halibut in Alaskan ports; and with amendment: S. 2466, to amend the CAA of 1938 by redefining certain powers of the Administrator; and S. 2644, to provide for the development of civil transport aircraft adaptable for auxiliary military service.

HAWAIIAN JUDGESHIP

Committee on the Judiciary: Delegate Farrington and William Stephenson, attorney, of Hawaii, testified in support of the nomination of Edward A. Towse to be second judge of the First Circuit Court of Hawaii.

VETERANS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Veterans Subcommittee agreed to report to the full committee, without amendment, H. R. 5820, aiding in the development of improved prosthetic appliances for veterans.

HIGHWAYS

Committee on Public Works: In executive session committee approved for reporting, with amendments, H. R. 5888, Federal aid to highways. As approved, the bill would authorize \$400 million per year for 2 years of Federal aid for highway construction.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Sixteen public bills, H. R. 6794-6809; four private bills, H. R. 6810-6813; and eleven resolutions, H. J. Res. 419 and H. Res. 625-634, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 6247, to provide for the air security and defense of the United States and to establish the composition of the Air Force (H. Rept. 2169);

S. 2456, to provide safety in aviation and to direct the study of the cases and characteristics of thunderstorms and other atmospheric disturbances (H. Rept. 2170);

H. R. 6216, a private bill (H. Rept. 2171);

S. 1783, to provide retention in the service of certain disabled Army and Air Force personnel (H. Rept. 2172);

H. R. 6801, foreign-aid appropriation bill for 1949 (H.

Rept. 2173);

H. J. Res. 327, issuing a stamp commemorative of Juliette Low, founder and organizer of Girl Scouting in America (H. Rept. 2174);

Seven private bills: S. 424, 1062, 1703, 1835, H. R. 1170, 3848, and 4133 (H. Repts. 2175-2181, respectively);

S. 1260, to create a commission to hear and determine claims of certain motor carriers (H. Rept. 2182);

H. Res. 624, providing for the sending to conference of H. R. 5883, Department of Agriculture appropriation bill (H. Rept. 2183);

H. Res. 633, providing for consideration of, and 4 hours of debate on, H. R. 6801, foreign-aid appropria-

tion bill (H. Rept. 2184);

H. Res. 634, providing for consideration of, and I hour of debate on, H. R. 5904, to incorporate the Virgin Islands Corporation (H. Rept. 2185);

S. 1090, to safeguard and consolidate certain areas in Superior National Forest, Minn. (H. Rept. 2186);

\$. 2137, to protect potato and tomato production from

the golden nematode (H. Rept. 2187);

S. 1266, amending D. C. Code relative to admissibility of testimony by a party to a transaction when the other party is incapable of testifying (H. Rept. 2188);

S. 1265, amending D. C. Code relative to liability for causing death by wrongful act (H. Rept. 2189);

H. R. 4635, amending the act to regulate barbers in

the District of Columbia (H. Rept. 2190);

H. R. 6106, amending the act to provide for issuance, without examination, of licenses to engage in business in District of Columbia (H. Rept. 2191);

H. R. 6524, amending the act regulating the practice of the healing art in the District of Columbia (H. Rept.

2192);

H. R. 6598, amending the act providing for insanity proceedings in the District of Columbia (H. Rept. 2103):

H. R. 6759, to provide additional revenue for the Dis-

trict of Columbia (H. Rept. 2194); and

H. R. 6794, providing for settlement of claims of military personnel and civilian employees for personal-property loss or damage occurring incident to their service (H. Rept. 2195).

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Cosmetics: Passed H. R. 3825, exempting toilet preparations from 10-percent retailers' excise tax when sold at retail to operators of beauty parlors, barber shops, etc.

Pages 7071-7072

Naval Appropriation: Passed H. R. 6772, making appropriations of \$3,686,733,250 for the Department of

the Navy and the naval service for the fiscal year 1949. This appropriation is \$241,005,450 below the budget estimates.

Pages 7072, 7073-7084

World Health: Agreed to conference requested by Senate on S. J. Res. 98, providing for membership and participation by the United States in the World Health Organization and authorizing an appropriation therefor. Representatives Bolton, Judd, and Courtney were appointed conferees.

Naval Vessels: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 4721, removing statutory limitation on appropriations for repairs or alterations of naval vessels.

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Filtration Plant: Adopted conference report on H. R. 2359, providing for construction of water-filtration plant on West Point Military Reservation, thus completing congressional action.

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Military Installations: Adopted conference report on S. 1676, authorizing the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force to proceed with construction at military installations, thus clearing the bill for Presidential action.

Pages 7085-7086

Presidential Powers: Adopted conference report on H. R. 6659, continuing for a temporary period certain powers, authority, and discretion conferred on the President by the Second Decontrol Act of 1947.

Pages 7086-7088

Flood Control: Passed H. R. 6419, authorizing the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors for navigation and flood control. This bill covers 14 flood-control projects with an estimated cost of \$22,875,000 and 34 river- and harbor-improvement projects costing \$20,887,900, also an authorization of \$25 million for emergency flood control. Prior to passage of H. R. 6419, the House adopted H. Res. 589, providing for consideration of, and I hour of debate on, the bill.

Pages 7086, 7088-7100

Mail: Passed, with amendments, S. 263, to provide for the carrying of mail on star routes by permitting the Postmaster General to readjust the compensation of star-route contractors for increased or decreased costs due to changed conditions. H. Res. 623, providing for the consideration of the bill, was previously adopted.

Pages 7101-7107

Civil Service: Adopted conference report on H. R. 4236, amending the Civil Service Act to remove certain discrimination with respect to the appointment of persons having any physical handicap to positions in the classified civil service, thus clearing the bill for the White House.

Pages 7107-7108

Alaska: Passed H. R. 6228, which authorizes the construction of certain shore-protective works at Nome, Alaska, at a cost of approximately \$1,750,000. Subse-

quently, S. 1025, a companion bill, was passed in lieu of the House bill, which was tabled. This measure was considered pursuant to H. Res. 621, which was previously adopted.

Pages 7108-7110

Housing: Passed, with amendments, H. R. 5710, providing for relinquishment of the Government's rights in temporary housing, authorized under the Lanham Act, on campuses of educational institutions. H. Res. 622, providing for consideration of the bill, was previously adopted.

Pages 7110-7113

Labor-Federal Security Appropriation: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6355, Labor-Federal Security appropriation bill for 1949, agreed to conference requested by Senate, and appointed Representatives Keefe, Andersen of Minnesota, Schwabe of Oklahoma, Church, Rooney, Hendricks, and Fogarty as conferees.

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Committee Meetings

FORESTRY

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 2028, to facilitate and simplify the work of the Forest Service; and

S. 1090, to safeguard and consolidate certain areas of exceptional public value within the Superior National Forest, Minn. Both were amended.

MILITARY JUSTICE—LAND EASEMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Legal Subcommittee ordered the following bills reported to the full committee: H. R. 5937, to provide for the administration of military justice within the U. S. Air Force; and H. R. 6709, to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to convey to the city of New York a perpetual easement in a parcel of land at New York Naval Shipyard. Lt. Gen. Idwald Edwards testified in support of H. R. 5939, and Peter Twitty, of the Navy Department, testified in support of H. R. 6709.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: At the hearings on S. 866, T-E-W housing bill, and related measures to establish and carry out a national housing policy, George W. West, president, First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Atlanta, Ga., testified on behalf of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and opposed passage of S. 866 in its present form. Donald Whitlock, chairman of the Building Products Institute, offered further opposition testimony to the Senate bill. Hearings continue tomorrow.

D. C. BILLS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 4635, amending regulations relating to barbers;

H. R. 5047, granting pay increases to Metropolitan, U. S. Park, and White House Police Forces, and the Fire Department, amended;

H. R. 6106, issuance of licenses, without examination, to certain persons to engage in business, amended;

H. R. 6295, providing for increased retirement and death pensions for D. C. Fire and Police Departments;

H. R. 6297, regarding D. C. hospitals;

H. R. 6327, a private bill;

H. R. 6452, relative to fees for posting firemen and policemen on licensed premises for protection of public safety;

H. R. 6524, amending laws regulating medical

profession;

H. R. 6598, amending Act To Provide for Insanity Proceedings;

S. 612, D. C. insurance-regulation bill;

S. 1265, amending D. C. Code, relative to liability for causing death by wrongful act;

S. 1266, amending D. C. Code, relative to admissibility of testimony, amended;

S. 1442, relative to survival of court actions;

S. 2040, condemnation proceedings for the extension of Eastern Avenue; and

S. 2406, recording of liens on vehicles and trailers.

Took no action on H. R. 6451, amending D. C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, and referred H. R. 6522, weed-removal bill, back to subcommittee.

VOICE OF AMERICA—PROPAGANDA

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Chenoweth subcommittee continued hearings on the investigation of the Voice of America broadcasts by the State Department and heard the testimony of Walter S. Lemmon, president, World-Wide Broadcasting Foundation; Holland H. Sargent, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs; Charles Thayer, Acting Chief of International Broadcasting Division of the State Department in New York; William T. Stone, Director, Office of Information and Educational Exchange, State Department; and Charles Denny, counsel for NBC.

Richard Hodson and J. Robert Brown, committee investigators, answered questions for the information of the Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda in its investigation of charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in Cali-

fornia. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UN STRUCTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Chairman Eaton introduced H. R. 6802, a bill to strengthen the United Nations and promote international cooperation for peace. The measure, in the form of an amendment to the United Nations Participation Act of 1945, is a statement of policy regarding the United Nations as an instrument—in the terms of the Charter—to maintain international peace and security, and to take effective

collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace; and the improvement of the United States participation in the United Nations.

PRINTING RESOLUTIONS

Committee on House Administration: Ordered the following resolutions reported to the House:

S. Con. Res. 51, to print 1,000 additional copies of hearings on national resources for Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs;

H. Res. 391, to print an up-to-date version of the publication entitled "The Hoover Dam Power and Water Contracts and Related Data";

H. Res. 525, to print 5,000 additional copies of H. Rept. 786, on investigation of Federal officials participation in formation of health workshops, for the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments;

H. Res. 555, to print 500 additional copies of hearings on long-range agriculture policy, parts 1 and 2, held before House Committee on Agriculture;

H. Res. 557, to print 3,000 additional copies of S. Doc. 146, entitled "Economic Factors in Statutory Minimum Wages";

H. Res. 558, to print 3,000 additional copies of S. Doc. 149, entitled "Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance";

H. Res. 565, to defray expense of study of present condition of the Capitol power plant by the House Building Commission;

H. Res. 588, to print 1,000 additional copies of study prepared by House Agriculture Committee, regarding selected trends relating to long-range prospect for American agriculture;

H. Res. 601, directing transfer of records of Select Committee on Foreign Aid to Joint Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation;

H. Res. 611, to print 1,000 additional copies of supplement IV on Five Hundred Leading Communists (in the Eastern Hemisphere, excluding the Soviet Union);

H. Con. Res. 204, authorizing disposal of certain obsolete Government publications now stored in congressional folding rooms; and

A resolution to be introduced by Representative Sundstrom, authorizing the Clerk of the House to approve payment of gratuities during recess of Congress.

Also approved appointment of George P. Forbes, Jr., as counsel for Subcommittee on Elections.

AIR SAFETY—DOMESTIC TRAVEL—SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

S. 3, to provide for the training of air-traffic-control-tower operators;

- S. 2456, to provide safety in aviation and to direct an investigation of causes and characteristics of thunderstorms.
- H. R. 6136, to amend Act To Encourage Travel in the United States; and
- H. R. 6007, to establish the National Science Foundation, amended.

COURTS—WAR DAMAGES—MOTOR CARRIERS— IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 3 agreed to report to the full committee, without recommendation, S. 175, to provide for the furnishing of quarters at Brunswick, Ga., for the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia; also, gave further consideration to S. 1077, permitting commissioned Coast Guard officers to conduct disciplinary proceedings, and again agreed to recommend the bill favorably.

Subcommittee No. 2 agreed to recommend favorably to the full committee H. R. 6794, to extend the act of May 29, 1945, to provide for the settlement of claims of military personnel and civilian employees of the War Department or of the Army for damage to or loss, destruction, capture, or abandonment of personal property incident to their service.

Committee ordered favorably reported to the House S. 1260, amended, to create a commission to hear and determine the claims of certain motor carriers (the amendment was to strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the provisions of H. R. 6750, as amended by Subcommittee No. 2 and the full committee); H. R. 6216, to correct possible inequity in the case of a certain application for letters patent to William R. Blair; and H. R. 6794 (as carried in Subcommittee No. 2, above). Also ordered seven private claims bills to be reported.

Committee tabled S. 1077, permitting commissioned Coast Guard officers to conduct disciplinary proceedings; and H. R. 2860, protection by registration of designs for textile fabrics.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization ordered reported to the full committee H. R. 5004, amended, to provide privilege of becoming a naturalized citizen of U. S. to all immigrants having legal right to permanent residence and to make immigration quotas available to Asiatic and Pacific peoples. Considered, but deferred action on, H. R. 3135, nationality of certain Puerto Ricans, and H. R. 2905 and 6033, naturalization of alien seamen. Also ordered seven private immigration bills reported favorably to the full committee.

AERONAUTICS—TRAVEL ALLOWANCE— LOYALTY

Committee on the Post Office and Civil Service: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. J. Res. 327, issuance of stamps commemorative of Juliette Low, amended;

H. R. 6695, creation of 10 professional and scientific positions in research stations of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics;

S. 2152, to increase maximum travel allowance for railway postal clerks from \$4 to \$6 a day; and

S. 1561, to permit Secretaries of State, War, and Navy, and the Atomic Energy Commission to terminate employment of persons whom they deem would endanger our national safety.

No action will be taken on H. R. 6292, providing that civil-service examinations for Federal employment in the Panama Canal Zone shall be open only to citizens or persons who owe allegiance to the United States, until the printed hearings are available.

NAVAJOS-PUERTO RICO EMPLOYEES

Committee on Public Lands: The Subcommittee on Indian Affairs voted to report to the full committee H. R. 6660, to improve conditions among the Navajo Indians. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Affairs ordered reported to the full committee S. 2675, to amend the Organic Act of Puerto Rico, and S. 2508, relative to salaries of certain officers and employees of the United States and employees of Puerto Rico. Mr. Irwin W. Silverman, from the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of the Interior, testified on the two bills; and Francisco B. Leon Guerrero, member of Guam Congress, spoke on various legislation on Guam. Will meet on call of the Chair.

GRAY MARKET—CAFETERIA

Committee on Public Works: The Macy subcommittee investigating questionable trade practices on gray-market steel situation in the Detroit area heard the following witnesses: Joseph Arnsteen, Detroit, Mich.; Harold G. Bettendorf, Moline Pressed Steel Co., East Moline, Ill.; Ned Blaz, Great Northern Steel Co., Minneapolis, Minn.; Morton Cohn, General Steel Co., Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.; Edward B. Loree and Lee H. Oppenheim, both of Detroit, Mich.; Fred Rappaport, St. Paul, Minn.; Edward C. Suave, general manager, Wayne Sheet Steel Co., Ecorse, Mich.; and Mayor William W. Voisine, of Ecorse, Mich.

Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds considered but took no action on H. R. 6453, creating a corporation to provide cafeteria, restaurant, and related services in Federal buildings in the District of Columbia and elsewhere and to define the responsibility of the Federal Works Administrator with respect thereto. Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant III, Chairman, National Capital Park and Planning Commission, testified in opposition

to the bill; and Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, Administrator, Federal Works Agency, spoke in favor of the bill and suggested amendments. Will meet again to-morrow.

AGRICULTURE AND FOREIGN-AID APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Reported H. Res. 624, agreeing to the conference requested by the Senate on H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriation bill for 1949. Representative Dirksen was heard in favor of the resolution, and Representative Cannon in opposition.

Reported H. Res. 633, waiving points of order against, and providing 4 hours of general debate on, H. R. 6801, making appropriations for foreign aid for the period beginning April 3, 1948, and ending June 30, 1949. Representative Taber was heard in favor of the resolution.

In executive session, reported H. Res. 634, waiving points of order against, and providing 1 hour of debate on H. R. 5904, to incorporate the Virgin Islands Corporation.

Heard Representative Buffett in opposition to a resolution providing consideration for H. R. 640r, selective-service bill. Hearings on this bill will be continued at a later date.

LIQUOR TAXES—SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Considered, but took no action, on H. R. 3860, to amend the Internal Revenue Code relative to tax on alcohols used in medicines and food products; H. R. 3921, amending Internal Revenue Code relative to tax on alcohol; and H. R. 6356, permitting refund or credit to brewers of taxes paid on beer lost or wasted in bottling operations. Also ordered H. R. 6211, amending Social Security Act, providing aid to the blind, to be referred back to the subcommittee for further study. Will meet tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: Continuing its hearings on proposed specific amendments to the Labor-Management Act of 1947, committee received testimony from Jack Dorsey, Summers and O'Hara, Washington, D. C., and Gerard D. Reilly, Washington, D. C., devoted to a discussion of the various administrative difficulties confronting the NLRB. Forney Johnston, representing the National Coal Assocation, presented opposition to industry-wide bargaining and industry-wide strikes. Hearings continue to-morrow.

Friday, June 4, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Second Decontrol Act extension cleared for President.

Senate passed social-security bill with increase for old-age assistance, and adopted all committee amendments to Selective Training and Service Act.

House passed foreign-aid appropriation bill.

Many bills reported by Senate groups.

Rules Committee cleared bills on DP admission, farm-price support, and social-security extension for House floor action.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2805 to S. 2814; S. J. Res. 228; S. Con. Res. 57; S. Res. 249 and 250.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2517, to amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of 1930 relative to annual leave accrued at death (S. Rept. 1468);

H. R. 2588, requiring use of Government-owned motor vehicles in delivery of mail under certain conditions (S. Rept. 1469);

H. R. 2273, to grant certain benefits to Panama Canal

employees (S. Rept. 1470);

H. R. 5891, relative to charter of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad Co. (S. Rept. 1487);

S. 543, conferring jurisdiction on North Dakota and South Dakota over offenses committed by or against Standing Rock Indians (S. Rept. 1488);

S. 1683, conferring jurisdiction on the courts of New York with respect to offenses committed on Indian reservations within such State, with amendments (S. Rept. 1489);

S. 1820, conferring jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation (S. Rept. 1490);

S. 2286, Carlsbad irrigation project, with amendment (S. Rept. 1491);

S. 2638, appropriations for Bureau of Reclamation for school districts on certain projects during their construction status, with amendment (S. Rept. 1492);

H. R. 3218, to authorize an emergency fund for the Bureau of Reclamation to assure the continuous operation of its irrigation and power systems, with amendment (S. Rept. 1493);

H. R. 4688, to enlarge the Gettysburg National Cemetery (S. Rept. 1494);

H. R. 4874, transferring Pelican Rock in Crescent City Harbor to Del Norte County, Calif. (S. Rept. 1495);

H. R. 5071, extending public-land laws to islands in Red River, Okla. (S. Rept. 1496);

H. R. 6073, providing for acquisition of certain grazing lands (S. Rept. 1497);

H. R. 6229, authorizing extension of leases of certain land in Hawaii (S. Rept. 1498);

H. R. 6252, issue land patent for school purposes to certain public lands in Kauai, T. H., with amendment (S. Rept. 1400);

S. 2371, validating certain conveyances to Oregon Short Line Railroad Co. and Union Pacific Railroad Co. (S. Rept. 1500);

S. 1844, authorizing an appropriation for school buildings at Winnebago, Nebr. (S. Rept. 1501);

S. 2171, to promote the interests of the Fort Hall Indian irrigation project in Idaho, with amendments (S. Rept. 1502):

S. 2076, to authorize the Defense Homes Corporation to convey to Howard University certain properties in D. C., with amendments (S. Rept. 1504);

S. 2736, providing for the disposal of temporary housing, with amendment (S. Rept. 1505);

H. R. 5808, to continue day-care nursery school in the D. C. for 1 year (S. Rept. 1506);

S. 2779, to create a Government corporation to operate Government cafeterias (S. Rept. 1507); and

Private bills: S. 108, 165; H. R. 1726, 1781, 2684; S. 1715, 1717; H. R. 633, 1490, 1855, 2479, 3159, 3260, 3352, 636, 3500, and 5147 (S. Repts. 1471 through 1486, and 1503, respectively).

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Bills Referred: Four House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees

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Clerical Correction: S. Con. Res. 57, providing for clerical correction in S. 1025, improving harbor at Nome, Alaska, was adopted.

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Second Decontrol: Adopted conference report on H. R. 6659, temporary extension of certain provisions of Second Decontrol Act of 1947, clearing it for the President.

Pages 7119-7120

Social Security: Passed, by 74 yeas to 6 nays, H. J. Res. 296, maintaining the status quo of social-security coverage, after taking the following action on amendments: Adopted, by 77 yeas to 2 nays, McFarland amendment, as modified, to increase Federal contributions for old-age assistance and aid to dependent children and the blind; rejected, by division vote, Revercomb amendment to lower from 65 to 60 the qualifying age for old-age and survivors' insurance benefits.

Senate asked for a conference and appointed as conferees Senators Millikin, Taft, Butler, George, and Connally.

Pages 7117-7119, 7122-7134

Selective Service: All committee amendments, including technical perfecting amendments to S. 2655, Selective Service Act of 1948, were adopted. The Langer amendment prohibiting segregation and discrimination against inductees or enlistees was then offered to the bill and remained pending at recess. Senate continues consideration of this bill next week.

Nominations: Received nomination of Tracy S. Voorhees, New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Army, along with 45 miscellaneous military nominations in the Army.

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Committee Meetings

FARM TENANTS, ALCOHOL PLANTS, AND MINERAL RIGHTS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: The committee approved for reporting without amendment H. R. 6114, to amend title I of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, to increase the rate of interest on title I loans, provide for redemption of nondelinquent insured mortgages, and authorize advances for preservation and protection of the insured-loan security, after receiving testimony in support of the bill from Representative Pace and Dillard B.-Lasseter, Administrator of the Farmers Home Administration. Robert N. Downie, ABA, appeared in opposition to the bill.

The committee also approved for reporting the following bills, without amendment: H. R. 6006, making available Government-owned alcohol plants (retained by the Government) at Muscatine, Iowa, Kansas City, Mo., and Omaha, for making of products from agricultural commodities; H. R. 6113, transfer of certain land in Langlade County, Wis., to the U. S. Forest Service; and S. 2418, to remove the 10-year limitation for adjustment of titles by the Secretary of Agriculture to land acquired by the U. S.; and, with amendment, H. R. 4856, to delay liquidation of mineral rights reserved to U. S. as required by Farmers Home Administration Act of 1946.

FOREIGN ECONOMIC AID

Committee on Appropriations: Committee met in executive session with John J. McCloy, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; Willard L. Thorp, Assistant Secretary of State; and A. I. Henderson, general counsel for the ECA, to discuss the economic recovery program. Committee begins hearings on H. R. 6801, foreign-aid appropriation bill, next Wednesday.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 6705, Interior appropriations for 1949, with various Senators, Representatives, witnesses representing themselves individually, and in behalf of different groups and organizations, and Michael W. Straus, Director of the Bureau of Reclamation, accompanied by his assistants, testifying in behalf of funds for the Bureau of Reclamation, and for different reclamation projects as well as other items carried in the bill.

The committee stayed in night session; it will continue these hearings tomorrow.

SUGAR PAYMENTS, HOUSING, AND SEC

Committee on Banking and Currency: In executive session the committee approved for reporting without amendment H. R. 5174, authorizing the CCC to make adjustment payments to certain producers of cane sugar in Puerto Rico and Hawaii, and S. 2076, to authorize the Defense Homes Corporation to convey to Howard University certain properties in the D. C. It approved for reporting with amendment S. 2736, providing for the disposal of temporary housing, after amending it to make the language comparable to that in H. R. 5710, a measure on the same subject.

It was agreed that the committee would offer an amendment to S. 2636, to amend SEC Acts of 1933 and 1934 and the National Banking Act, to exempt securities of International Bank for Reconstruction and Development from SEC requirements, when it is called up in the Senate for consideration. This amendment would provide that the International Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Problems should report to Congress periodically on effects of this bill, if enacted, on interest of depositors and securities dealers; the Council would also consult the securities dealers as to their problems.

OIL AGREEMENTS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee, in executive session, agreed to report to full committee without amendment, S. 1857, confirming certain oil contracts negotiated by the Treasury.

D. C. OPTOMETRY

Committee on the District of Columbia: Public Health Subcommittee held hearings on H. R. 6087, to regulate the practice of optometry in the D. C., and received testimony in support of the bill from the following:

Dr. Ward Ewald, American Optometric Association, Pittsburgh; Lawrence Gourley, representing Dr. Swope, osteopath; Dr. Henry J. Hoff; and Dr. F. R. Hillyard.

The following witnesses testified in opposition: Dr. Victor Simpson and Dr. Frank Costenbader, both of D. C. Medical Society; Simon Hirshman, Retail Credit Institute; Mary Gold, D. C. Society for Prevention of Blindness; Louis Rothschild, American National Retail Jewelers Association; Bernard N. Bernstein, D. C., Maryland, and Virginia Jewelers Association; William B. Wolf, Reliable Stores Corp.; and Robert Rosenberg on behalf of Dr. B. Gainsburg, Harrisburg. Also testifying were Dr. George Ruhland, D. C. Health Officer; and Harold Kahn, New York.

RECIPROCAL TRADE

Committee on Finance: Continuing hearings on H. R. 6556, 1-year extension of Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, the committee received testimony in support of the bill as it passed the House from the following witnesses: Representative Javits; Claudius T. Murchison, Cotton Textile Institute; T. E. Mollin, American Livestock Association; O. R. Strackbein, American Wage Earners Protective Conference; Dr. John Lee Coulter, National Renderers Association; John Breckinridge, West Coast Fruit and Nut Growers, Florida Growers Committee, and Mushroom Growers Association; Robert E. Canfield, American Paper and Pulp Association; and Walter W. Cenerazzo, American Watch Workers Union. Hearings continue tomorrow.

VOICE OF AMERICA

Committees on Foreign Relations and Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittees of these two committees continued joint hearings on the Voice of America program, receiving testimony from Charles Thayer, International Broadcasting Division; and W. T. Stone, Director, Office of Information and Educational Exchange, both of State Department.

PUBLIC LANDS, INDIANS, AND SCHOOLS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: In executive session the committee ordered reported 16 bills, of which the following 5 were approved with amendment: H. R. 6252, issue land patent for school purposes to certain public lands in Kauai, T. H.; H. R. 3218, authorizing emergency fund for Bureau of Reclamation to assure continuous operation of its irrigation and power systems; S. 2286, Carlsbad irrigation project; S. 2638, appropriations for Bureau of Reclamation for school districts on certain projects during their construction status; and S. 2686, to provide for rehabilitation of Navajo and Hopi Indians.

The following were approved for reporting without amendment: H. R. 4688, to enlarge Gettysburg National Cemetery, Pa.; H. R. 4874, transferring Pelican Rock in Crescent City Harbor to Del Norte County, Calif.;

H. R. 5071, extending public-land laws to islands in Red River, Okla.; H. R. 5147, private bill; H. R. 6073, providing for acquisition of certain grazing lands; H. R. 6229, authorizing extension of leases of certain land in Hawaii; S. 543, conferring jurisdiction on North Dakota and South Dakota over offenses committed by or against Standing Rock Indians; S. 1683, conferring jurisdiction on the courts of New York with respect to offenses committed on Indian reservations within such State; S. 1844, authorizing an appropriation for school buildings at Winnebago, Nebr.; S. 2171, to promote the interests of the Fort Hall Indian irrigation project in Idaho; and S. 2371, validating certain conveyances to Oregon Short Line Railroad Co. and Union Pacific Railroad Co.

BASE-POINT PRICING—COURT DECISIONS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee concluded hearings on S. Res. 241, to study the impact upon business and consumers of the Supreme Court decision in the so-called Cement Institute Basing Point case and other recent decisions of that Court and of the lower Federal courts, after receiving testimony from Senator O'Mahoney; Lowell B. Mason, FTC Commissioner; and William T. Kelley, FTC general counsel, on the possible effect that such impact resulting from court decisions will have on business and consumers.

COURT PROCEDURE, CLAIMS, INSANE PERSONS, AND PRIVATE BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session the committee approved for reporting seven public bills as follows, with amendment: S. 19, relative to pay of jurors in the U. S. courts; S. 20, authorizing the Attorney General to pay claims not in excess of \$1,000 based on loss or damage to certain property deposited by alien enemies, and to report claims in excess to Congress; and S. 850, care and custody of insane persons convicted of U.S. offenses; and without amendment, H. R. 5891, relative to charter of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad Co.; S. 826, changing definition of transfer which shall be deemed a preference to creditors under the Bankruptcy Act, and modifying provisions relating to the time of transfer; S. 20, to regulate the review of judgments of conviction in certain criminal cases; and S. 21, to regulate habeas corpus proceedings in the courts of

The committee approved for reporting 17 private claims bills (H. R. 633, 636, 1490, 1726, 1781, 1855, 2062, 2479, 2684, 3159, 3260, 3352, 3500, 3641; S. 165, 1715, and 1717). The committee agreed that one private bill (S. 2208) should be referred to the Court of Claims for its consideration. One private immigration bill was approved for reporting (S. 108).

The nominations of Noble J. Johnson to be judge of U. S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals, together

with one U. S. attorney, were approved.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee agreed to report to the full committee, without amendment, S. 2782, to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 to increase certain annuities and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act with respect to taxes levied thereunder.

FLOOD CONTROL

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control received testimony from Representative Fuller and Commodore John M. Gill, harbor and dock commissioner of Oswego, and Roy Ferguson, St. Regis Paper Co., Oswego, in support of flood-control projects at Oswego Harbor, N. Y.

Senators Eastland and Stennis and Representative Colmer testified in support of the flood-control project at Gulfport Harbor, Miss.

Senator McClellan appeared in support of floodcontrol project on L'Anguille River, Ark., and on bridge approaches at Fort Smith and Fort Morrelton.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Six public bills, H. R. 6814-6819; two private bills, H. R. 6820 and 6821; and eleven resolutions, H. J. Res. 420, and H. Res 635-644, were introduced. Pages 7168, 7215, 7219-7220

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. J. Res. 307, proposing an amendment to the Constitution relative to equal rights for men and women (H. Rept. 2196);

Conference report on S. J. Res. 98, World Health

Organization (H. Rept. 2197);

Report of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service entitled "Organization, Functions, and Relative Costs of Personnel Offices" (H. Rept. 2198);

H. Res. 637, providing for the consideration of, and 3 hours' debate on, H. R. 6396, authorizing for a limited time the admission of displaced persons into the United States for permanent residence (H. Rept. 2199);

H. Res. 638, providing for the consideration of, and 1 hour of debate on, H. R. 6248, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to stabilize prices of agricultural commodities; to amend section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act reenacted by Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (H. Rept. 22000);

S. 2152, increasing the maximum travel allowance for railway postal clerks and substitutes (H. Rept. 2201);

S. 2432, to amend the Alien Registration Act of 1940 (H. Rept. 2202);

Two private bills H. R. 5655 and S. 1504 (H. Repts.

2203 and 2204, respectively); S. 2040, condemnation proceedings for the extension

of Eastern Avenue (H. Rept. 2205);

H. R. 6327, a private bill (H. Rept. 2206);

S. 3, to provide for the training of air-traffic-control-

tower operators (H. Rept. 2207);

S. 2508, relative to salaries of certain officers and employees of the United States and employees of Puerto Rico (H. Rept. 2208);

S. 1442, relative to survival of court actions (H. Rept. 2200);

S. 2675, to amend the Organic Act of Puerto Rico

(H. Rept. 2210);

H. Res. 618, authorizing studies by a joint board of Army, Navy, and Reclamation engineers relative to conservation of fresh water in San Francisco Bay for national-defense purposes (H. Rept. 2211);

H. R. 5555, amend act to provide for purchase of public lands for home and other sites (H. Rept. 2212);

H. R. 6660, to improve conditions among the Navajo Indians (H. Rept. 2213);

H. R. 6767, participation of States, Territories, insular possessions in National Park Service revenues, provide for acquisition of certain lands (H. Rept. 2214);

H. R. 6297, regarding D. C. hospitals (H. Rept. 2215); H. R. 6452, relative to fees for posting firemen and

policemen on licensed premises for protection of public safety (H. Rept. 2216);

H. R. 6295, providing for increased retirement and death pensions for D. C. Fire and Police Departments (H. Rept. 2217);

S. 612, D. C. insurance-regulation bill (H. Rept. 2218); S. 2406, recording of liens on vehicles and trailers

(H. Rept. 2219);

H. R. 5047, granting pay increases to Metropolitan, U. S. Park, and White House Police Forces, and the Fire Department (H. Rept. 2220);

H. R. 6136, to amend Act To Encourage Travel in

the United States (H. Rept. 2221);

H. R. 6695, creating 10 professional and scientific positions in the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (H. Rept. 2222); and

H. R. 6007, to establish a National Science Founda-

tion (H. Rept. 2223).

Conference report on H. R. 5770, Treasury and Post Office Departments appropriation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 2224);

H. Res. 640, providing for consideration of, and 2 hours' debate on, H. R. 6777, to extend the coverage of the old-age and survivors' insurance system (H. Rept. 2225):

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H. Res. 641, to provide for consideration of, and 1 hour of debate on, S. 418, to provide for water-pollution-control activities in the Public Health Service of the Federal Security Agency and in the Federal Works

Agency (H. Rept. 2226);

H. Res. 642, providing for consideration of, and I hour of debate on, H. J. Res. 363, providing for congressional ratification of a contract for the purchase of certain lands and mineral deposits by the United States from the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations of Indians (H. Rept. 2227); and

H. Res. 643, providing for consideration of, and r hour of debate on, H. R. 4462, conveying certain lands in Park County, Wyo., to the State of Wyoming (H. Rept. 2228).

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Private Bill: By unanimous consent, H. R. 2508, a private bill, was restored to the Private Calendar.

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Legislative Appropriations: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6500, the legislative branch appropriation bill for 1949, agreed to conference requested by Senate, and appointed Representatives Johnson of Indiana, Tibbott, Canfield, Griffiths, Cannon, Kirwan, and Jackson of Washington.

Agriculture Appropriations: Adopted H. Res. 624, which provided for sending H. R. 5883, the Department of Agriculture appropriation bill for 1949, to conference. Representatives Dirksen, Plumley, Andersen of Minnesota, Horan, Phillips of California, Cannon, Sheppard, and Whitten were appointed as conferees on the part of the House.

Pages 7155, 7156–7161

Washington and Lee University: Adopted S. J. Res. 227, pertaining to observance of two-hundredth anniversary of founding of Washington and Lee University, thus clearing the measure for the President.

Pages 7161-7162

Foreign Aid Appropriations: Passed, with amendments, H. R. 6801, making appropriations for foreign aid for the period from April 3, 1948, to June 30, 1949. This bill provides \$5,980,710,228, which is \$553 million below the budget estimate. In addition to sundry perfecting amendments, an amendment providing that not less than \$65 million of the funds appropriated be spent in the United States on milk solids, and another amendment providing that not more than \$50 million appropriated by the bill should be used for purchase of farm machinery, including farm tractors, were adopted. This measure was considered pursuant to H. Res. 633, which was previously adopted.

Private Bill: Adopted conference report on H. R. 2389, a private bill. Pages 7213-7214

Social Security: Agreed to Senate amendments H. J. Res. 296, maintaining the status quo of social-security coverage, thus clearing the measure for Presidential action.

Committee Resignations: Received notice of resignation of Representatives Williams and Morris from the Committee on House Administration.

Committee Meetings

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: At the hearings on national housing the following witnesses testified in opposition to certain provisions of S. 866, the T-E-W omnibus housing bill: Thomas S. Holden, president F. W. Dodge Corp., representing the Commerce and Industry Association of New York, Inc.; Robert M. Morgan, chairman, committee on mortgage investments, National Association of Mutual Savings Banks; and Ralph A. Brooks, secretary, Five Boroughs Taxpayers Defense, of New York City. Hearings continue Monday.

PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda heard further testimony of Richard Hodson, committee investigator, and Robert F. Blanks, chief, Geology and Research Division, Design and Construction Branch, Denver, Colo., at the hearing on its investigation of charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California. Hearings continue Monday.

SECURITIES REGISTRATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Opened hearings on H. R. 6443, amending Securities Act of 1933, Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the National Bank Act. This bill would relieve the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development from the obligation of registration of securities which it issues or guarantees. Testifying at this hearing was Edmond M. Hanrahan, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, accompanied by Commissioner Robert K. McConnaughey and staff members. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PATENT LAWS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights agreed to report favorably to the full committee H. R. 3929, amended, to amend the patent laws so as to protect the United States in certain patent suits.

WAR VETERANS' PROMOTIONS

committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The Vursell subcommittee heard testimony of William C. Doherty, president, National Association of Letter Carriers, and

Harry Hayden, representing American Legion, on H. R. 4991, relating to the promotion of veterans of World War II in the field service of the Post Office Department. Will continue hearings Monday.

PUBLIC LANDS BILLS REPORTED

Committee on Public Lands: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

S. 1504, to confirm title of lands in Illinois to D. H.

Brush and others;

S. 2508, regarding salaries of certain officers and employees of the U. S. and certain officers and employees of Puerto Rico;

S. 2675, to amend the Organic Act of Puerto Rico;

H. Res. 618, authorizing studies relative to conservation of fresh water at the northerly end of San Francisco Bay, amended;

H. R. 5555, to amend act to provide for purchase of

public lands for home and other sites, amended;

H. R. 5655, confirming claim of Juan Berrar to lands in Louisiana;

H. R. 6660, to improve conditions among the Navajo Indians; and

H. R. 6767, participation of States, Territories, insular possessions in National Park Service revenues, provide

for acquisition of certain lands.

Considered H. R. 6697, authorize sale and grant of certain interests in public lands to Los Angeles, Calif., and heard testimony of Gilmor Tillman, assistant to attorney for Los Angeles. Hearings continue tomorrow.

CAFETERIA—FLOOD DAMAGE—TOLL BRIDGES—GRAY MARKET

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Buildings and Grounds considered, but took no action on, H. R. 6453, creating a corporation to provide cafeteria, restaurant, and related services in Federal buildings in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, and to define the responsibility of the Federal Works Administrator with respect thereto, and H. R. 6782, to provide emergency aid for repair and restoration of public facilities damaged or destroyed in recent floods in the Northwest. Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, Administrator, FWA, spoke on behalf of both bills. Raymond M. Foley, Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency, testified favorably on H. R. 6782; and W. E. Reynolds, Commissioner of Public Buildings, FWA, and William L. Ellis, assistant to the U. S. Comptroller General, spoke on the Federal cafeteria measure. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Subcommittee on Roads held hearings on H. R. 6465, regarding Delaware River toll bridges, and heard Rodie L. Mitchell, counsel, New York; Herschel H. Allen, engineer, Baltimore; Alexander R. Miller, chairman, Easton, Pa.; C. Stanley Stults, vice chairman, Hightstown, N. J.; Edward J. Pierson, secretary, Langhorne, Pa.; and Frank A. Matthews, New Jersey, all of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission.

The Macy subcommittee investigation questionable trade practices on gray-market steel situation in the Detroit area heard the following witnesses: Lee H. Oppenheim, Jack L. Lipschutz, Carl Fiddler, and Alex Rovin, all of Detroit, Mich.; J. M. Taylor, Great Lakes Steel Corp., Ecorse, Mich.; Perc H. Wiener and Zell B. Skinner, both of Chicago, Ill.; and E. L. Wetstein, vice president in charge of sales, Great Lakes Steel Co., Ecorse, Mich.

DP'S—PRICE SUPPORT—SOCIAL SECURITY— WATER POLLUTION

Committee on Rules: Reported H. Res. 637, providing 3 hours' debate on H. R. 6396, to authorize for a limited period of time the admission of displaced persons into the United States for permanent residence. Representatives Fellows and Celler were heard in favor of the resolution.

Reported H. Res. 638, waiving points of order against, and providing 1 hour's debate on, H. R. 6248, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to stabilize prices of agricultural commodities. Representative Hope was heard in favor of the resolution.

Reported a resolution barring amendments to, waiving points of order against, and providing 2 hours' debate on, H. R. 6777, to extend the coverage of the old-age and survivors insurance system, to increase certain benefits payable under such system. Heard Representatives Reed of New York, Doughton, Mills, Mason, and Jenkins in favor of the resolution. Representatives Lynch and Eberharter favored the bill, but opposed a closed rule.

Reported a resolution waiving points of order against, and providing r hour's debate on, S. 418, to provide for water-pollution-control activities in the Public Health Service of the FSA and FWA. Representatives Dondero and Elston were heard in favor of the resolution.

In executive session the committee reported a resolution providing 1 hour's debate on H. J. Res. 363, providing for the ratification by Congress of a contract for the purchase of certain lands and mineral deposits by the United States from the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations of Indians.

In executive session the committee reported a resolution providing 1 hour's debate on H. R. 4462, authorizing the conveyance of certain lands in Park County, Wyo., to the State of Wyoming.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Spanish-American War Veterans approved the following bills to be reported to the full committee: H. R. 4962, providing pensions for certain widows of Spanish-American War veterans, and H. R. 5464, regarding hospitalization of Spanish-American War veterans. Testifying on these bills were: E. S. Mathias, chairman, legislative committee, USWV; Edward K. Inman,

editor, National Tribune, Washington, D. C.; Eric J. O'Gara, representing VFW; and T. F. Daly, Legislative Projects Service, Veterans' Administration.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Social Security Subcommittee, in executive session, considered H. R. 6211, amending the Social Security Act to provide for encouragement and stimulation of aid to blind recipients to become self-supporting. No action was taken on the bill.

Joint Committee Meetings

LABOR

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: Continuing hearings on proposed specific amendments to the Labor-Management Act of 1947, the committee heard only representatives of the CIO, with Arthur Goldberg appearing in behalf of Philip Murray and the CIO generally and representatives of the UAW-CIO; Oil Workers International, CIO; and the Textile Workers Union, CIO, urging the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. Henry Mayer, representing the Telephone Workers Organizing Committee, CIO, told the committee of the impact the Act had on his workers, and proposed various changes in the existing law.

Several other CIO unions did not send representatives to appear personally, but did file statements to be included as a part of the record. Hearings continue Monday.

TREASURY-POST OFFICE APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees on H. R. 5770, Treasury-Post Office appropriation bill for 1949, reached agreement to file a conference report on the differences between the Houseand Senate-passed versions of the bill; they were given until midnight tonight to file it.

ARMY CIVIL FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees on H. R. 5524, Army civil functions appropriation bill for 1949, met throughout the day but did not reach final agreement; they continued in night session.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D422)

H. J. Res. 379, to provide for the maintenance of public order and the protection of life and property in connection with the Presidential inaugural ceremonies of 1949. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 574); and

H. J. Res. 380, authorizing the granting of permits to the Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies on the occasion of the inauguration of the President-elect in January 1949. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 575).

Monday, June 7, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate acted on various amendments to Selective Service Act of 1948.

House adjourned out of respect to Representative Owens.

Senate Finance Committee rejected proposals to extend trade-agreements program without restriction, and approved various veterans' bills.

Bills on liquor taxation and social-security aid to blind approved by House committees.

Conferees agreed on Labor-Federal Security and Federal Security Agency supplemental appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 7220-7225, 7279-7281

Bills Introduced: Eight bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2815 to S. 2822; S. Res. 251 to S. Res. 255; S. J. Res. 229. Pages 7221-7223, 7257, 7280

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 251, providing for reference to Court of Claims of S. 2208, private claims bill (S. Rept. 1508);

S. Res. 252, providing for reference to Court of Claims of S. 890, private claims bill (S. Rept. 1509);

S. 19, relative to pay of jurors in the U. S. courts, with amendments (S. Rept. 1510);

S. 850, care and custody of insane persons convicted of U. S. offenses, with amendments (S. Rept. 1511);

H. R. 2062 and 3641, private bills (S. Repts. 1512 and

1513, respectively);

S. 826, changing definition of transfer which shall be deemed a preference to creditors under the Bankruptcy Act, and modifying provisions relating to the time of transfer (S. Rept. 1514);

H. R. 5174, authorizing CCC to make adjustment payments to certain producers of cane sugar in Puerto

Rico and Hawaii (S. Rept. 1515);

S. 2418, to remove the 10-year limitation for adjustment of titles by the Secretary of Agriculture to land

acquired by the U.S. (S. Rept. 1516);

H. R. 4856, to delay liquidation of mineral rights reserved to U. S. as required by Farmers Home Administration Act of 1946, with amendment (S. Rept. 1517);

H. R. 6096, making available Government-owned alcohol plants (retained by the Government) at Muscatine, Iowa, Kansas City, Mo., and Omaha, for making of products from agricultural commodities (S. Rept. 1518);

H. R. 6113, transfer of certain land in Langlade County, Wis., to the U. S. Forest Service (S. Rept. 1519);

H. R. 6114, to amend title I of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, to increase the rate of interest on title I loans, provide for redemption of nondelinquent insured mortgages, and authorize advances for preservation and protection of the insured-loan security (S. Rept. 1520);

S. 595, providing rates of compensation for disabilities incurred in active military or naval service, with

amendments (S. Rept. 1521);

S. 2806, to authorize travel expenses for vocational rehabilitation purposes to VA beneficiaries and their attendants, with amendments (S. Rept. 1522);

S. 2774, to extend section of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 relating to authority of the VA Administrator to enter into leases not exceeding 5 years (S. Rept. 1523);

H. R. 6489, to authorize temporary free importation

of lead (S. Rept. 1524);

S. 784, to provide maternity leave for Government

employees (S. Rept. 1525);

S. 20, to regulate the review of judgments of conviction in certain criminal cases (S. Rept. 1526);

S. 21, to regulate habeas corpus proceedings in the courts of the U. S. (S. Rept. 1527);

H. R. 2634, 2922, and 4830, private claims bills

(S. Repts. 1528 through 1530, respectively);

S. 29, authorizing the Attorney General to pay claims not in excess of \$1,000 based on loss or damage to certain property deposited by alien enemies, and to report claims in excess to Congress, with amendments (S. Rept. 1531);

H. R. 6116, relative to statute of limitations on claims filed pursuant to Trading With the Enemy Act in cases

involving property vested in World War II, with amendments (S. Rept. 1532);

S. 2772, providing that employees of Veterans' Canteen Service shall be paid from funds of the Service

(S. Rept. 1533);

S. 2807, to authorize VA Administrator to contract for certain investigation reports in connection with insurance claims (S. Rept. 1534);

S. 2773, to authorize transfer of a portion of VA center at Los Angeles to University of California, with amend-

ment (S. Rept. 1535);

H. R. 3889, to amend Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), parts I and II, to establish a presumption of service connection for chronic and tropical diseases, with amendments (S. Rept. 1536); and

S. Res. 255, authorizing Committee on the Judiciary to investigate unlawful restraints and monopolies (no written report).

Pages 7221, 7223, 7280

Bill Referred: One House-passed bill was referred to appropriate committee. Page 7223

Condolence Resolution: Senate adopted S. Res. 253, expressing condolence on death of Representative Thomas L. Owens, of Illinois, and providing that when Senate recesses today it recess out of respect to his memory.

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Selective Service: Senate continued consideration of S. 2655, Selective Service Act of 1948, taking action on the following seven Langer amendments: Tabled, by 67 yeas to 7 nays, amendment prohibiting segregation and discrimination against servicemen; by 61 year to 7 nays, amendment directed against lynching of any serviceman; and by voice vote, amendment prohibiting segregation of servicemen while traveling in interstate carriers. Rejected, by voice vote, amendment exempting servicemen from rendering service in any State practicing segregation; by voice vote, amendment prohibiting discrimination against servicemen; by voice vote, amendment requiring companies supplying the armed services to practice nondiscrimination in employment. Adopted, by 37 yeas to 35 nays, an amendment to exempt servicemen from payment of poll tax as voting requirement. A motion to lay on the table the motion to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted was lost by a vote of 35 yeas to 35 nays. The motion to reconsider the vote was then lost by a vote of 35 yeas to 35 nays. Thus the amendment was finally approved as a part of the bill.

The Lodge amendment authorizing Army enlistments from among qualified aliens for service outside U. S. was then offered to the bill and remained pending at recess.

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Nominations: Received 29 appointments in the Air Force and 6 in the Public Health Service.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee, on June 5, concluded hearings on H. R. 6705, Interior appropriations for 1949, after receiving testimony from Senators Watkins, Young, McCarthy, and Thomas, and Representative Buck on appropriations for different purposes including irrigation and reclamation projects, under Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Missouri River Basin projects. The following Government officials, some accompanied by their assistants, appeared in behalf of funds for their respective agencies: William Zimmerman, Jr., Bureau of Indian Affairs; W. E. Rice, Bureau of Mines; H. A. Tolson, National Park Service; Frank H. Roberts, Bureau of Ethnology; Milton C. James, Fish and Wildlife Service; James P. Davis, Division of Territories and Island Possessions; and Col. J. P. Johnson, Alaska Railroads.

PANAMA CANAL

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee ordered reported to the full committee S. 2003, to authorize Governor of Panama to acquire or construct buildings, structures, or equipments necessary for improvement of administration of the Canal or Canal Zone, and authorize him to make settlements for certain claims and administer disaster relief after receiving testimony from B. F. Burdick, chief of office and general purchasing officer, Panama Canal.

RECIPROCAL TRADE AND VETERANS

Committee on Finance: The committee, by a vote of 7 to 6 in each case, rejected three proposals to extend the existing trade-agreements program without any restrictions for 1 year, 2 years, and 3 years, respectively. This action was taken in executive session while considering H. R. 6556, providing for a 1-year restricted extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act.

It reported without amendment H. R. 6489, to authorize temporary free importation of lead; it reported with amendment H. R. 3889, to amend Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), parts I and II, to establish a presumption of service connection for chronic and tropical diseases; and S. 2773, to authorize transfer of a portion of VA center at Los Angeles to University of California.

The following four veterans bills were approved for reporting without amendment: S. 2772, providing that employees of Veterans' Canteen Service shall be paid from funds of the Service; S. 2774, to extend section of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 relating to authority of the VA Administrator to enter into leases not exceeding 5 years; S. 2806, to authorize travel expenses for vocational rehabilitation purposes to VA beneficiaries and their attendants; and S. 2807, to authorize

VA Administrator to contract for certain investigation reports in connection with insurance claims.

It considered S. 595, providing rates of compensation for disabilities incurred in active military or naval service, and S. 2160, to equalize the rates of compensation payable for wartime and peacetime service-connected disabilities, and agreed to report S. 595 after rewriting it to embody the objectives contained in both bills.

Committee agreed to introduce and report a new bill to increase compensation for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities who have dependents, after considering the following three bills on the same subject: S. 2125, S. 2562, and S. 2667.

It also agreed to introduce and report a new bill to provide additional compensation to widows and other dependents of certain veterans, after considering the following three bills on the same subject: S. 644, S. 2232, and S. 2651.

The following nominations were favorably approved for reporting: Austin J. Mahoney to be collector of customs at Rochester and Thomas J. Lynch to be general counsel of the Treasury Department.

On Saturday, June 5, the committee concluded hearings on H. R. 6556, reciprocal trade agreements extension, after receiving further testimony from William L. Clayton, special adviser to the Secretary of State.

Committee continues in executive session on trade agreements extension tomorrow.

INDIANS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee, on June 5, received testimony in support of the enactment of S. J. Res. 224, purchase of certain Fort Berthold Indian lands, from an attorney for the Fort Berthold Indians and officials of the Army and Interior Departments.

ALASKAN SHIPPING

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee held hearings on three resolutions involving Alaskan shipping (S. J. Res. 218, 219, and 222), and received testimony from the following witnesses: Delegate Bartlett; Representative Allen of California; Gov. Ernest H. Gruening of Alaska; Grenville Mellen, U. S. Maritime Commission; Stanley B. Long, Alaska Steamship Co. and Northland Transportation Co.; Malcolm Miller, attorney representing the Territory of Alaska; Marvin J. Coles, attorney representing the Alaska Freight Express Corp.; James P. Davis, Interior Department; and Gerald Morgan, Alaska Transportation Co.

TIDELANDS AND CLAIMS BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: In executive session the committee considered proposed legislation to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, but failed to reach a vote on reporting the bill at the end

of the afternoon session. Committee met again in night session (7 p. m.) to continue work on the legislation.

H. R. 6116, relative to the statute of limitations on claims filed pursuant to Trading With the Enemy Act in cases involving property vested in World War II, was ordered reported with amendments.

The following four private claims bills were also approved for reporting: H. R. 2634, 2922, 4566, and 4830.

JAPANESE CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee voted to report to the full committee, after rewriting the bill, H. R. 4044, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act relative to setting up a commission to study and recommend to Congress types of claims which should be charged against enemy funds, and to provide further as to use of Japanese funds as immediate compensation for period of detention of civilian internees on American sovereign soil; and, with amendment, H. R. 3999, to adjudicate certain claims resulting from evacuation of certain persons of Japanese ancestry under military orders.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee, in executive session, agreed to report to the full committee without amendment the following bills: S. Res. 249, providing for continuation of study of national health problems by the committee; S. 1969, to amend the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946 relating to the training of Filipinos in public health; S. 2341, to authorize an increase of an additional \$100,000 in annual appropriations for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory; H. R. 4114, authorizing certain expenditures from appropriations of the Public Health Service; H. R. 6289, providing for voluntary admission and treatment of mental patients at St. Elizabeths Hospital; and H. R. 6339, amending the Public Health Service Act relating to standards of maintenance and operation for hospitals receiving aid under that title.

FLOOD CONTROL AND RIVER AND HARBOR PROJECTS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee met in executive session to consider H. R. 6419, to authorize emergency flood control and river and harbor projects, but made no announcement of action taken. Subcommittee meets on this again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Six public bills, H. R. 6822-6827; one private bill, H. R. 6828; and two resolutions, H. Res. 645 and 646, were introduced. Pages 7288, 7289

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 2028, to facilitate and simplify the work of the Forest Service (H. Rept. 2229);

H. R. 6451, to provide for better control of the alcoholic-beverage industry in D. C. (H. Rept. 2230); and

H. R. 5596, a private bill (H. Rept. 2231).

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Condolence Resolution: Adopted H. Res. 645, expressing condolence on the death of Representative Thomas L. Owens, of the Seventh Congressional District of Illinois, and providing for immediate adjournment as a further mark of respect to the late Member. Representatives Twyman, Vail, Busbey, and O'Brien were appointed to the funeral committee.

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Committee Meetings

TOBACCO SEED—REA LOANS—LAND TRANSFER

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee No. 1 met Saturday, June 5, and considered H. R. 5277, to repeal provisions which prohibit the exportation of tobacco seed and plants except for experimental purposes. Representative Kerr testified in opposition to the bill.

Later, in executive session, the full committee ordered the following bills reported favorably to the House:

S. 1087, to authorize use of REA loans to municipalities for payment of debts to TVA; and

H. R. 5861, directing Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands to the State of Oklahoma.

MILITARY-NAVY BILLS REPORTED

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 2912, conveyance of portion of Fort Moultrie Military Reservation to the State of South Carolina;

H. R. 3479, conveyance of land to the State of Louisiana;

H. R. 4984, maintaining corps of cadets and regiment of midshipmen at service academies, at full strength, amended;

H. R. 5596, a private bill;

H. R. 5937, to provide for administration of military justice in U. S. Air Force by establishing office of Judge Advocate General;

H. R. 6334, authorize use of oleo in the armed forces;

H. R. 6698, permitting a limited number of persons from the Philippines to receive instruction at U. S. Naval Academy, amended;

H. R. 6709, to convey perpetual easement over certain

land in New York City; and

H. R. 6751, to fix the rank of the assistant to the Chief of Engineers in Charge of River and Harbor and Flood-Control Improvements. Representative Muhlenberg testified on behalf of this measure.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: At the hearings on S. 866, T-E-W housing bill, and related measures to establish and carry out a national housing policy, the following witnesses testified: Representatives Grant of Indiana and Reeves; Edward R. Carr and Calvin K. Snyder, both of the National Association of Real Estate Boards; William D. Davis, president, Farm Management Associates, Kansas City, Mo.; George Fuller, representing the National Lumber Manufacturers Association; James W. Rouse, representing Mortgage Bankers Association; and George W. Proffit, representing National Apartment Owners Association. Hearings continue tomorrow.

D. C. LIQUOR PRICE CONTROL—STREET PARKING

Committee on the District of Columbia: Considered S. 2642, amending D. C. Parking Act relative to off-street parking, and H. R. 6281 and 6451, both amending the D. C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Act. The committee ordered H. R. 6451 to be reported to the House and tabled H. R. 6281. The Subcommittee on Public Service, Streets, and Traffic will consider S. 2642 on Wednesday.

CHICAGO PAROLES-PROPAGANDA

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Hoffman subcommittee resumed public hearings on the investigation of paroles granted to four Federal prisoners and heard testimony of Fred S. Rogers, V. J. Monkiewicz, and George G. Killinger, all members of the U. S. Parole Board.

Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda, in its investigation of charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California, heard further testimony of Richard Hodson and J. Robert Brown, both committee investigators. Hearings continue tomorrow.

SECURITIES REGISTRATION—TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Concluded hearings Saturday, June 5, on H. R. 6443, amending Securities Act of 1933, Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the National Bank Act. This bill would relieve the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development from the obligation of registration of securi-

ties which it issues or guarantees. Eugene R. Black, Executive Director for the United States, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, offered further testimony, and was followed by Edmond M. Hanrahan, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, accompanied by Commissioner Robert K. McConnaughey and staff members; and Thomas J. Lynch, acting general counsel, Department of the Treasury.

Opened hearings today on national transportation inquiry and heard testimony of Dr. J. H. Parmelee, vice president and director, Bureau of Railway Economics, and J. H. Aydelott, vice president in charge of operations and maintenance, both of the Association of American Railroads, Washington, D. C.; Samuel M. Felton, president, American Railway Car Institute, New York City; Stephen Early, vice president, Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Co., Chicago, Ill.; George W. Alcock, president, Franklin Railway Supply Co., New York City; John V. Lawrence, managing director, American Trucking Associations, Inc., Washington, D. C.; and Chester C. Thompson, president, the American Waterways Operators Association, Washington, D. C. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PATENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights agreed to recommend favorably to the full committee: H. R. 5988, to provide for the protection of patent rights where enforcement against direct infringers is impracticable, to define "contributory infringement"; and H. R. 5501, amended, to extend certain provisions of Public Law 690, Seventy-ninth Congress, as amended (providing for extension of certain patents to citizens or subjects of countries providing substantially reciprocal privileges to citizens of U. S.). Also agreed to report adversely two bills, H. R. 2520 and 3700, relating to fixing fees payable to Patent Office.

WAR VETERANS' PROMOTIONS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The Vursell subcommittee concluded hearings on H. R. 4991, relating to the promotion of veterans of World War II in the field service of the Post Office Department. The witnesses testifying on this legislation were: Lucas A. Leighton, assistant Commissioner of Administrative Planning, Post Office Department; Charles E. Foster, assistant director of national legislation, Disabled American Veterans; Robert McLaughlin, national legislative director, AMVETS; Richard Hawkins, representing the American Veterans Committee; Bernard Weitzer, national legislative representative, Jewish War Veterans of the USA; Eugene F. Taggart, national liaison officer, Catholic War Veterans; William C. Armbrust, president, United National Association of Post Office Clerks; Leo George, president, National Federation of Post Office Clerks; Ole Twait, vice president, Railway Mail

Association; Bernard A. Winquist, president, National Rural Letter Carriers Association; and Irwin E. Klass, Chicago Post Office.

CALIFORNIA LAND GRANT

Committee on Public Lands: Held hearings on H. R. 6697, which authorizes sale and grant of certain interests in public lands to Los Angeles, Calif. Appearing at today's hearings were Mr. Claussen, director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior, and Gilmore Tilman, assistant city attorney, Los Angeles, Calif. Saturday's witnesses on this subject were: Walter Evans, district attorney of Mono County; John P. McMurray, district attorney of Inyo County; J. B. Clover, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gilmore Tilman, assistant city attorney, Los Angeles; and Samuel B. Morris, general manager and chief engineer, Los Angeles Water & Power Co. Will resume hearings on this measure Monday, June 14.

The committee ordered reported to the House S. 1274 and 1275, private bills conveying titles to certain lands in Mississippi.

RULES, VETERANS' BILLS

Committee on Rules: Reported a resolution waiving points of order against, barring amendments to, and providing 1 hour's debate on, H. R. 3748, to provide additional compensation to widows and other dependents of certain veterans; and a resolution waiving points of order against, barring amendments to, and providing 1 hour's debate on, H. R. 5588, to provide increases of compensation for certain veterans of World War I and World War II with service-connected disabilities who have dependents. Representatives Rogers of Massachusetts, Mathews, and Rankin were heard in favor of both resolutions.

Representatives Rogers and Ramey spoke in favor of a resolution providing consideration for H. R. 3016, to furnish stenographic assistance to representatives of certain veterans' organizations. No action was taken on the resolution.

Representatives Rogers and Mathews spoke in favor of the following resolutions, on which no action was taken:

H. Res. 616, authorizing investigation by Veterans' Affairs Committee of matters within its jurisdiction;

A resolution providing consideration for H. R. 4242, to amend the income limitation governing the granting of pension to veterans and death-pension benefits to widows and children of veterans; and

A resolution providing consideration for H. R. 4243, a bill to provide minimum rating for service-connected arrested tuberculosis.

Will meet again at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, to consider resolutions providing consideration for H. R. 6712, the tax-revision bill, and H. R. 6623, providing incentives for the production of certain minerals.

ALCOHOL TAXES-BLIND AID PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 6800, to amend the Internal Revenue Code relative to tax on alcohols used in medicines and food products;

H. R. 6808, permitting refund or credit to brewers of taxes paid on beer lost or wasted in bottling operations; and

H. R. 6818, amending Social Security Act, providing greater encouragement to blind recipients thereunder to become self-supporting.

FATS AND OILS

Select Committee Investigating Transactions on Commodity Exchanges: Heard testimony of the following witness in its investigation of leaks occurring prior to public announcement of Government allocations of fats and oils for the fourth quarter of 1947: Malcolm Lamborne, Jr., author of article in Washington (D. C.) Star relative to this subject; Arthur R. Himbert, State Department; Kenneth W. Mainland, of the International Emergency Food Committee; and Geraldine Canning and Eugene Brockenbrough, both of the Institute of Shortening Manufacturers. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Joint Committee Meetings

LABOR

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: Continuing hearings on proposed specific amendments to the Labor-Management Act of 1947, the committee received testimony from Arthur Ford, director of industrial relations, California Packing Corporations at San Francisco, holding that welfare plans should not be subject for compulsory bargaining. Cornelius Petzhold, labor attorney from Cincinnati, discussed the administration of the existing law by the NLRB, criticized its interpretation of the free-speech section, and advocated some limitations on the right to strike involving the coercion of an employer to violate the law. Theodore R. Iserman, attorney from New York, proposed to transfer from the NLRB to the courts some of the enforcement duties under the law and advocated some severe restrictions on industry-wide bargaining and industry-wide strikes. Hearings continue tomorrow.

LABOR-FEDERAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees on H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriations for 1949, and H. R. 6355, Federal Security Agency supplemental appropriations for 1949, reached final agreement over the differences of the House- and Senate-passed versions and agreed to file conference reports on the same.

ARMY-CIVIL FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees on H. R. 5524, Army-civil functions appropriations for 1949, met in executive session to work out a compromise over the differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of this bill, but failed to reach final agreement.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D435)

S. 1006, to increase acreage of sodium leases which may be issued in any State to a person, association, or corporation. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 576);

S. 1035, veterans' hospital at Camp White, Medford,

Oreg. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 577);

H. R. 1608, authorizing Postmaster General to contract for certain powerboat service in Alaska. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 578);

H. R. 3578, reducing the area of Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Mass. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 579);

H. R. 3603, State compact over division of waters of the Snake River. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 580);

H. R. 3633, to amend Hawaiian Homes Commission Act designating certain public lands as available home lands. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 581);

H. R. 3635, ratifying joint resolution by Legislature of Hawaii on sale of public lands for homesteads. Signed June 2, 1048 (P. L. 583):

June 3, 1948 (P. L. 582);

H. R. 3730, to amend Interstate Commerce Act to provide for recovery by initial carrier from connecting carriers of legal costs in cases of damage and injury incurred on lines of connecting carriers. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 583);

H. R. 3954, approving Act 74 of Hawaiian Legislature relative to public bonds. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L.

584);

H. R. 4091, ratifying an act of Hawaii, 1947. Signed

June 3, 1948 (P. L. 585);

H. R. 4201, authorizing payments to school district serving Fort Peck project in Montana. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 586);

H. R. 4393, providing for distribution, promotion, separation, and retirement of officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 587);

H. R. 4512, to convey land to State of Oklahoma for Northeastern State College, Oklahoma. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 588);

H. R. 4513, to eliminate requirements of oaths in certain land matters. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 589);

H. R. 4551, relative to surplus Government lands to Cape Hatteras seashore recreational area project. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 590);

H. R. 4804, granting service credit to certain enlisted men of the Coast Guard. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 591);

H. R. 4817, amending Public Law 219 (80th Cong.) relative to the number of officers holding permanent appointments on the active list of the Coast Guard. Signed

June 3, 1948 (P. L. 592);

H. R. 5122, permitting increase of tax on assessed valuation of lands in Alaska. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 593);

H. R. 5173, to amend Hawaiian Homes Commission Act by designating certain public lands as available home lands. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 594);

H. R. 5175, relative to issuance of public improvement bonds by Hawaii. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 595);

H. R. 5244, credits in connection with homestead interests of certain World War II veterans. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 596);

H. R. 5607, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations

for 1949. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 597);

H. R. 5839, to convey to State, or participating subdivisions, roads to certain historical areas administered by the Department of Interior. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 598);

H. R. 5870, to provide additional allowances for escort of war dead. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 599);

H. R. 5922, relating to the issuance of reentry permits to certain aliens. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 600);

H. R. 6209, amending the act incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation of the D. C. Signed June 3, 1948 (P. L. 601);

H. R. 3731, authorizing modifications in the repayment contracts within lower Yellowstone irrigation dis-

trict. Signed June 4, 1948 (P. L. 602);

H. R. 3785, authorizing Minnesota to condemn certain lands for fish propagation. Signed June 4, 1948 (P. L. 603);

H. R. 4823, providing school facilities at Yellowstone National Park. Signed June 4, 1948 (P. L. 604);

H. R. 5874, to establish a D. C. Armory Board. Signed

June 4, 1948 (P. L. 605);

H. R. 6659, temporary extension of certain provisions of Second Decontrol Act of 1947. Signed June 4, 1948 (P. L. 606);

H. J. Res. 339, to authorize issuance of special postagestamp series in honor of volunteer firemen. Signed

June 4, 1948 (P. L. 607);

H. J. Res. 341, authorizing stamps commemorative of founding of Fort Kearney, Nebr. Signed June 4, 1948 (P. L. 608);

H. J. Res. 371, to issue golden-anniversary stamp commemorating the consolidation of the five boroughs of New York City. Signed June 4, 1948 (P. L. 609); and

S. 2256, relating to the meat-inspection service of the Department of Agriculture. Signed June 5, 1948 (P. L. 610).

Tuesday, June 8, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued work on Selective Service Act of 1948, disposing of various amendments.

House passed 153 miscellaneous bills on call of Consent, Private, and D. C. Calendars.

Senate committees approved various proposals, including trade-agreements extension and investigation of economic concentration and base-point pricing.

Bill to strengthen UN and promote international peace ordered reported by House committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2823 to S. 2833; and S. J. Res. 230.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2279, retroactive retirement benefits to Federal employees involuntarily separated between 1945 and 1947, with amendment (S. Rept. 1537);

S. 2192, to provide for the issuance of free passes on railroads to official watch inspectors, with amendments

(S. Rept. 1538);

S. 2829, to authorize Governor of Panama to acquire or construct buildings, structures, or equipments necessary for improvement of administration of the Canal or Canal Zone, and authorize him to make settlements for certain claims and administer disaster relief (S. Rept. 1530):

S. 2830, authorizing the RFC to continue to operate for 5 years a tin-smelting plant at Texas City, Tex. (S.

Rept. 1540);

S. 2064, authorize Marine Band attendance at 1948 national assembly of the Marine Corps League (S. Rept. 1541);

S. 2401, to provide for military justice within the Air

Force, with amendments (S. Rept. 1542);

H. R. 2744, retirement of Regular Army officers and equalization of retirement benefits for members of the AUS, with amendments (S. Rept. 1543);

H. R. 2766, relative to probation system in U. S. courts

(S. Rept. 1544);

S. 1412, 1693, 2359, H. R. 3114 and 4663, private relief bills (S. Repts. 1545 through 1549, respectively);

H. R. 5822, establishing the Saratoga National His-

torical Park in New York (S. Rept. 1550);

S. 2820, to authorize the VA to convey to Cheyenne certain land for public park and golf course (S. Rept. 1551);

S. 2821, to increase compensation for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities who have dependents, with amendment (S. Rept. 1552);

H. R. 929, 1222, 2916, 3007, and 5330, private bills (S.

Repts. 1553 through 1557, respectively); and

H. R. 6556, providing for a 1-year restricted extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act (S. Rept. 1558).

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World Health: Senate adopted conference report on S. J. Res. 98, providing for membership and participation by the U. S. in the World Health Organization and authorizing an appropriation therefor, clearing the bill for the President.

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Star Routes: Senate agreed to House amendment to S. 263, to provide for the carrying of mail on star routes, thus clearing the bill for the President.

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Census Information: Senate agreed to House amendments to S. 554, providing for the collection and publication of statistical information by the Bureau of the Census, thus clearing the bill for the President.

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Selective Service: Senate continued consideration of S. 2655, Selective Service Act of 1948, taking the follow-

ing action on amendments:

Adopted by 43 yeas to 33 nays, Lodge amendment, as perfected, authorizing Army enlistment for not less than 5 years from among qualified aliens who could thereby become American citizens; by 47 yeas to 33 nays, Morse amendment to cut the duration of the act from 5 to 2 years, after rejecting by voice vote an amendment by Senator Ives to Morse amendment to reduce act's duration to 3 years.

Rejected: 22 yeas to 48 nays, Morse amendment setting up a National Commission on Conscientious Objectors; by division vote, Morse amendment including osteopaths in specialist categories for purpose of registration and induction; Langer amendment limiting profits on goods furnished the armed forces to 10 percent on invested capital.

The Russell amendment giving servicemen option of serving in units of their own race—the so-called segregation amendment—remained the pending business at recess; the Senate agreed to vote on this amendment at 12: 30 p. m. tomorrow.

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Confirmations: Confirmed nomination of Andrew McC. Hood to be associate judge of the Municipal Court of Appeals for D. C.; Noble J. Johnson, Indiana, to be associate judge of U. S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals; Thomas J. Lynch, Ohio, to be general counsel for Department of the Treasury; one U. S. attorney; one U. S. collector of customs; and numerous nominations in the armed forces.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee stayed in executive session continuously throughout the day and met again in night session (7:30 p. m.) to mark up for reporting to the full committee H. R. 6705, Interior appropriations for 1949.

TIN, ARMY OFFICER RETIREMENT, AND PANAMA CANAL

Committee on Armed Services: In executive session the committee agreed to report with amendment H. R. 2744, retirement of Regular Army officers and equalization of retirement benefits for members of the AUS; and without amendment S. 2064, to authorize Marine Band attendance at 1948 National Assembly of the Marine Corps League.

Committee considered subcommittee report on S. 2003, to authorize Governor of Panama Canal to acquire or construct buildings, structures, or equipments necessary for improvement of administration of the Canal or Canal Zone, and authorize him to make settlements for certain claims and administer disaster relief, and agreed that a new bill (S. 2829) to carry out the same purposes would be introduced and reported in its stead.

It also agreed that an original bill (S. 2830) would be introduced and reported to authorize the RFC to continue to operate a tin smelting plant at Texas City, Tex.

Committee approved for reporting with amendment S. 2401, to provide for military justice within the Air Force.

TRADE AGREEMENTS-CIGARETTE TAX

Committee on Finance: By a vote of 8 to 5, the committee, in executive session, voted to report H. R. 6556, providing for a 1-year restricted extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, after adopting an amendment in the nature of a substitute for the bill. The substitute amendment was adopted by a vote of 7 to 6.

As approved, by adopting the substitute amendment, the bill would extend the act for 1 year, but would require the President to send a message to Congress embodying a list of all items contained in any trade agreement on which there were made "modification of duties and other import restrictions, imposition of additional import restrictions, or continuance of existing customs or excise treatment," as well as reasons therefor, which exceed the limits recommended by the Tariff Commission.

It tabled (in effect killed) H. R. 5645, to assist States in collecting sales and use taxes on cigarettes. A private bill, S. 847, was voted down by the committee.

BASE-POINT PRICING—INVESTIGATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee, in executive session, agreed to report to the full committee, with amendment, S. Res. 241, to authorize \$50,000 for the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, or a subcommittee thereof, to make a complete investigation into the impact upon the consumers of goods and upon small and large business of the Supreme Court decision in the so-called Cement Institute Basing Point case and other recent decisions of that Court and of the lower Federal courts. As amended, the resolution would broaden the scope of the investigation to include the status of business enterprise in the U. S., seeking to determine the extent and character of economic concentration, and the effect of such concentration, upon free competitive business enterprise, enforcement of antitrust laws, the growth of monopolistic practices, inception and development of small and independent businesses, and related problems growing out of concentration of economic power.

TIDELANDS AND MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee stayed in executive session continuously throughout the day considering proposed legislation to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams, but failed to reach a vote on reporting the bill at the end of the afternoon session. It met again in night session (7:30 p. m.) to continue work on the proposed lgislation.

In morning session the committee approved for reporting, with amendment, H. R. 3214, to revise, codify, and enact into law title 28 of the U. S. Code, entitled "Judicial Code and Judiciary."

The following private bills were approved for reporting: H. R. 929, 1222, 2916, 3007, 3114, 4663, and 5330; S. 1412, 1693, and 2359.

The nomination of Herbert A. Bergson, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Attorney General was reported favorably.

CIVIL-SERVICE BILLS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: In executive session the committee ordered reported the follow-

ing bills: S. 2279, retroactive retirement benefits to Federal employees involuntarily separated between 1945 and 1947; S. 2730, to credit, in certain cases, military service and training preparatory thereto performed by employees of the postal service; H. R. 5508, extending benefits of Veterans' Preference Act to certain mothers of veterans, with amendment; H. R. 4964, preserving seniority rights of 10-point-preference eligibles changing positions within postal service; S. 2739, issuance of stamp commemorative of two hundredth anniversary of founding of Alexandria, Va.; S. J. Res. 223, issuance of special series of stamps commemorative of three hundredth anniversary of Annapolis, Md.; S. J. Res. 225, issuance of stamp commemorative of William Allen White, writer; H. R. 5272, relating to compensation of certain railway postal clerks.

It voted to agree to House amendments to S. 554, providing for the collection and publication of statistical information by the Bureau of the Census.

S. 2692, to terminate the retirement system of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and to transfer same to Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund, was referred to subcommittee for study.

Further action was postponed on S. 1492, to provide unemployment compensation for Federal employees; S. 2328, private bill; S. 2669, relative to civil-service status; S. 2338, performance of duties of office of postmaster at any first-, second-, or third-class post office which becomes vacant; and S. 2348, to create 15 additional positions in the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Committee discussed the Houston postmastership, but action was held over until tomorrow. Committee meets again tomorrow.

FLOOD CONTROL AND RIVER AND HARBOR PROJECTS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee, in executive session, agreed to report to the full committee with amendments H. R. 6419, to authorize emergency flood control and river and harbor projects.

The full committee met on the bill following the meeting of the subcommittee, but made no announcement of action taken. It continues on this bill tomorrow with a view to reaching a final vote on reporting.

STEEL DISTRIBUTION

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Oil and Steel Subcommittees held hearings on aid to smaller users of steel and for better distribution of that product, with Senator Wherry pointing out to the following representatives of the steel industry the need for better distribution of steel to small business: David F. Austin, U. S. Steel Corp. of Delaware, Pittsburgh; Paul Mackall, Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem; A. J. Hazlett, Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., Pittsburgh; J. M. Schlendorf, Republic Steel Corp., Cleveland; John A. Ingwersen, Armco Steel Corp., Middletown, Ohio; W. E. Watson, Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., Youngstown, Ohio; Henry Booher and D. B. Carson, Sharon Steel Corp., Sharon, Pa.; J. K. Beeson, Pittsburgh Steel Co., Pittsburgh; W. R. Cunnick, Weirton Steel Co., Weirton, W. Va.; L. E. Creighton, Rotary Electric Steel Co., Detroit; John C. Virden, Director, Office of Industry Cooperation, and I. N. Stokes, counsel, both of Department of Commerce.

Full committee meets tomorrow on procurement and purchases under the ECA and National Security Program.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirteen public bills, H. R. 6829-6841; nine private bills, H. R. 6842-6850; and six resolutions, H. Res. 647-652, were introduced.

Pages 7372, 7449, 7486-7487

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. Res. 647, providing for consideration of, and r hour of debate on, H. R. 3748, to provide additional compensation to widows and other dependents of certain veterans (H. Rept. 2232);

H. Res. 648, providing for consideration of, and 1 hour of debate on, H. R. 5588, to provide increases of compensation for certain veterans of World War I and

II with service-connected disabilities who have dependents (H. Rept. 2233);

(For intervening report numbers, see list of resolutions reported today from Committee on House Administration under "Printing and Expenditure authorizations.")

H. R. 6829, supplemental independent offices appropriation bill, 1949 (H. Rept. 2245);

Conference report on H. R. 6355, Federal Security Agency supplemental bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 2246);

Conference report on H. R. 5728, Department of Labor, Federal Security Agency, and related independent agencies appropriation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 2247);

Conference report on H. R. 2878, to revise the roll of the Indians of California (H. Rept. 2248);

H. Res. 651, waiving points of order against H. R. 6829, supplemental independent offices appropriation

bill (H. Rept. 2249);

H. Res. 652, waiving points of order against, and providing 1 hour of debate on, H. J. Res. 150, to provide for the restoration and preservation of the Francis Scott Key Mansion, to establish the Francis Scott Key National Monument (H. Rept. 2250);

S. 1275 and 1274, private land bills (H. Repts. 2251

and 2252, respectively);

H. R. 6818, amending Social Security Act relating to

aid to the blind (H. Rept. 2253);

H. R. 6800, to amend the Internal Revenue Code relative to tax on alcohols used in medicines and food products (H. Rept. 2254);

H. R. 4984, maintaining corps of cadets and regiment of midshipmen at the U. S. service academies at

full strength (H. Rept. 2255);

H. R. 6751, to fix rank of the assistant to the Chief of Engineers in charge of river and harbor and flood-control improvements (H. Rept. 2256);

H. R. 6822, to continue authorization for appointment of two additional Assistant Secretaries of State (H. Rept. 2257);

H. R. 6698, relative to admission of Filipinos to the

U. S. Naval Academy (H. Rept. 2258);

S. 2251, to construct recreational park on grounds of the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. (H. Rept. 2259);

H. R. 2912, to convey portion of the Fort Moultrie Military Reservation to the State of South Carolina

(H. Rept. 2260);

H. R. 3479, conveyance of land to the State of Louisiana (H. Rept. 2261);

H. R. 6709, to convey perpetual easement over certain land in New York City (H. Rept. 2262);

H. R. 5937, to provide for administration of military justice in U. S. Air Force by establishing office of Judge Advocate General (H. Rept. 2263);

S. 1561, to permit Secretaries of State, War, and Navy, and the Atomic Energy Commission to terminate employment of persons whom they deem would endanger our national safety (H. Rept. 2264);

H. R. 5861, directing Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands to the State of Oklahoma (H. Rept.

2265); and

S. 1087, to authorize use of REA loans to municipalities for payment of debts to TVA (H. Rept. 2266).

Pages 7411, 7436, 7485-7486

Clerical Correction: Adopted S. Con. Res. 57, providing for clerical correction in S. 1025, authorizing construction of shore protective works in Nome, Alaska.

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Printing and Expenditure Authorizations: Reported and agreed to the following privileged resolutions from the Committee on House Administration:

H. Res. 565 (H. Rept. 2234), to defray expense of study of present condition of the Capitol power plant

by the House Building Commission;

H. Res. 636 (H. Rept. 2235), authorizing Clerk of the House to approve payment of gratuities during recess of Congress;

S. Con. Res. 51 (H. Rept. 2236), to print 1,000 additional copies of hearings of national resources for Com-

mittee on Interior and Insular Affairs;

H. Res. 391 (H. Rept. 2237), to print an up-to-date version of the publication entitled "The Hoover Dam Power and Water Contracts and Related Data";

H. Res. 555 (H. Rept. 2238), to print 500 additional copies of hearings on long-range agricultural policy, parts 1 and 2, held before House Committee on Agriculture;

H. Res. 557 (H. Rept. 2239), to print 3,000 additional copies of S. Doc. 146, entitled "Economic Factors in

Statutory Minimum Wages";

H. Res. 558 (H. Rept. 2240), to print 3,000 additional copies of S. Doc. 149, entitled "Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance";

H. Res. 588 (H. Rept. 2241), to print 1,000 additional copies of study prepared by House Agriculture Committee, regarding selected trends relating to long-range prospect for American agriculture;

H. Res. 611 (H. Rept. 2242), to print 1,000 additional copies of supplement IV on Five Hundred Leading Communists (in the Eastern Hemisphere, excluding

the Soviet Union);

H. Res. 601 (H. Rept. 2243), directing transfer of records of Select Committee on Foreign Aid to Joint Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation; and

H. Con. Res. 204 (H. Rept. 2244), authorizing disposal of certain obsolete Government publications now stored in congressional folding rooms.

Pages 7376-7377

Admission Tax: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 5065, to amend Internal Revenue Code, to exempt hospitalized servicemen and veterans from admissions tax when admitted free, thus clearing the bill for Presidential action.

Pages 7424–7425

Land Patents: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 3628, to revise the method of issuing patents for public lands, thus completing congressional action on the bill.

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Consent Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Consent Calendar:

Cleared for the President:

Dade Monument: S. 153, authorizing preparation of replica of Dade Monument for presentation to State of Florida.

U. S. Marshals: S. 692, authorizing a 7-cent-per-mile allowance for U. S. marshals and deputies for travel on official business.

Naval Officers' Training: S. 1214, Holloway-plan amendments, to facilitate administrative procedures

under Naval Officers Training Act.

Cattle Grubs: S. 1249, in lieu of H. R. 1043, authorizing additional research and investigation into problems and methods relating to eradication of cattle grubs.

Reserves: S. 1470, medical care for reservists who are injured or contract diseases while engaged in military

training.

Veterans' Preference: S. 1493, to give Civil Service Commission final decision as to eligibility under Veterans' Preference Act.

Postal Accounts: S. 1520, providing reimbursement to Post Office Department by the Navy for certain

shortages in postal accounts.

Disabled Military Personnel: S. 1783, to provide for retention in the service of certain disabled Army and Air Force personnel.

Longevity Credit: S. 1790, to authorize longevity credit for service of persons under 18 years of age.

Land Transfer: S. 1791, to transfer certain lands at Camp Phillips, Kans., to the Department of the Army. Army Disbursements: S. 1795, repealing certain regulations governing inquiries to be made in connection

with disbursements by Army disbursing officers.

Land Conveyance: S. 1925, to convey certain land to

the city of Pierre, S. Dak.

Postal Employees: S. 1861, in lieu of H. R. 4786, providing for automatic grade raises for certain temporary postal employees.

Public Lands: S. 1933, to convey certain lands to

School District 55 in Roosevelt County, Mont.

Golden Nematode: S. 2137, to provide for the protection of potato and tomato plants from the golden nematode.

Public Housing: S. 2288, providing for sale to veterans, at cost, of Public Housing Administration project No. 46011, at Ordnance Park, W. Va.

Aircraft Ownership: S. 2454, amending Civil Aeronautics Act relative to recording of ownership of aircraft.

Liability Limitation: S. 2455, to limit the liability of certain persons not in possession of aircraft.

Aviation Safety: S. 2456 to provide safety in aviation and to direct a study of causes and characteristics of thunderstorms and other atmospheric disturbances.

Mining Claims: S. 2479, in lieu of H. R. 6335, providing for suspension of annual assessment work on mining

claims held by location in United States.

Land Easement: S. 2553, in lieu of H. R. 6300, land easement for the construction and operation of bridge approaches over and across land of U. S. Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass.

Puerto Rico: S. 2592, returning certain lands situated in Puerto Rico.

Land: S. 2593, conveying certain land to the State of Virginia at Pungo, Va.

Public Lands: S. 2496, in lieu of H. R. 6233, conveyance of certain public lands to Pinellas County, Fla.

Sent to Senate without amendment:

Recreation: H. R. 3807, operation of recreational facilities within demonstration area near Thurmont, Md.

Venereal Disease: H. R. 3934, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to venereal-disease rapid treatment.

Relief: H. R. 4531, for the relief of city and county of San Francisco.

Veterans: H. R. 4917, providing further benefits for veterans of World War II who are Government employees and lost opportunity for probational civil-service appointments due to military service or service-connected disabilities.

Marine Band: H. R. 5036, authorizing attendance of U. S. Marine Corps Band at national assembly of Marine Corps League in Milwaukee, Wis., September 22–25, 1048.

Fire Hose: H. R. 5608, changing the duty on fire hose

from compound to an ad valorem basis.

Land Conveyance: H. R. 5734, conveyance of certain land in Wyoming by Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

Navy Medical Corps: H. R. 5983, removing present restriction on appointments to Navy Medical Service Corps.

Compensation: H. R. 6045, amending the act which provides compensation for injury, death, or detention of employees of contractors with the United States and certain other persons or reimbursement therefor.

Postmasters: H. R. 6089, to correct an inequity affecting incumbent postmasters in certain post offices.

Postal Employees: H. R. 6130, for the relief of certain postal employees.

Internships: H. R. 6234, establishment of internships in VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery.

Mining Claims: H. R. 6239, providing for suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in Alaska.

National Archives: H. R. 6293, providing that certain fees collected by the Archivist shall be available for disbursement in the interest of the National Archives.

Insurance: H. R. 6507, to amend National Service Life Insurance Act to authorize renewal of level-premiumterm insurance for a second 5-year period.

Land Exchange: H. R. 6633, authorizing exchange of land and interests therein between city of San Diego, Calif., and United States.

Stamp: H. R. 6634, to issue stamp in honor of Moina Michael, originator of Flanders Field memorial poppy idea.

Baggage Cars: H. R. 6696, providing safety and sanitation standards for baggage cars.

VA Center: H. R. 6716, transfer portion of VA center at Los Angeles to State of California for use of the University of California.

Maritime Service: H. R. 6728, to authorize medical and hospital service for those employed in the maritime

service.

VA Leases: H. R. 6730, extending provisions of GI bill of rights relating to authority of VA to enter into leases not exceeding 5 years.

Barry Statue: H. J. Res. 297, increasing the sum to \$30,000 for statue of Commodore John Barry for pres-

entation to Eire.

Stamp: H. J. Res. 305, to issue stamp commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Rough Riders of the Spanish-American War.

Criminal Code: H. J. Res. 378, limiting operation of sections 109 and 113 of the Criminal Code and sections 361, 365, and 366 of the Revised Statutes.

Stamp: H. J. Res. 411, to issue stamp commemorative of William Allen White.

Sent to Senate, amended:

Army Students: S. 295, relative to detailing of Army personnel as students.

National Forest: S. 1037, to authorize revision of boundaries of Caribou National Forest in Idaho.

Postal Service: S. 1082, allowing credits to certain postal employees for establishing promotion eligibility.

National Forest: S. 1090, to safeguard and consolidate certain areas in Superior National Forest, Minn.

Surplus Sports Equipment: S. 1302, making surplus athletic equipment available to organizations, etc., encouraging participation of youths in sports programs.

Land Restoration: S. 1871, to restore land to town site

of Wadsworth, Nev.

Reclamation: S. 1987, in lieu of H. R. 5313, to authorize construction of Preston Bench project, Idaho.

Ocean Stations: S. 2122, authorizing Coast Guard to maintain and operate ocean stations.

Bridge: S. 2201, authorizing State of Maryland to construct and operate bridges or tunnels on Chesapeake Bay near Sandy Point, Md.

Heart Research: S. 2215, to support research and training in diseases of the heart and circulation.

Longshoremen: S. 2237, in lieu of H. R. 6647, to increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

Post Office: S. 2510, in lieu of H. R. 6618, authorizing certain administrative expenses in Post Office Department, including pneumatic-tube systems.

Jurors: H. R. 945, relating to the payment of fees, expenses, and costs of jurors.

Irrigation: H. R. 3194, amending Reclamation Project Act of 1939, relative to irrigation.

Petroleum Products: H. R. 4659, to ratify and confirm amendments to certain contracts for the furnishing of petroleum products to the United States.

Alaska: H. R. 4690, authorizing Canadian vessels to service Hyder, Alaska.

Hospital Construction: H. R. 4816, providing a minimum allotment of \$250,000 for each State for construction of hospitals.

Admiralty Suits: H. R. 4873, extending time limit within which certain suits in admiralty may be brought against the United States.

Mineral Rights: H. R. 5048, directing conveyance of certain mineral rights by Secretary of Agriculture.

VA Beneficiaries: H. R. 5134, relating to allowances for authorized travel expenses incurred by VA beneficiaries and attendants for vocational rehabilitation purposes.

Agriculture: H. R. 5154, amending section 8 (a) of Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act relative

to payments to agricultural producers.

Postal Research: H. R. 5189, to provide for a research and development program in the Post Office Department.

Mineral Rights: H. R. 5263, authorizing the transfer of certain mineral rights of the United States in lands located in Indiana.

Irrigation: H. R. 5416, to promote the interests of Fort

Hall Indian irrigation project, Idaho.

Additional Judge: H. R. 5611, providing for appointment of one additional district judge for the eastern district of Pennsylvania.

Review Jurisdiction: H. R. 5687, relating to jurisdiction of the circuit court of appeals to review decisions of the Tax Court.

Bankruptcy: H. R. 5693, to amend the act establishing a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States.

Post-Office Facilities: H. R. 5750, to provide for extension and improvement of post-office facilities at Los Angeles, Calif.

Virgin Islands: H. R. 5889, extending the privileges of title VI of the Public Health Service Act to the Virgin

Islands.

Funeral Leave: H. R. 5964, granting time to employees in executive branch of the Government to attend funerals of members of armed forces returned to United States for burial, without loss of pay or leave.

School Payments: H. R. 6028, to authorize appropriations for Bureau of Reclamation for payments to school districts on certain projects during their construction

Land Patents: H. R. 6090, authorizing the Secretary of Interior to issue patents for lands held under color of title.

Bridge Cost: H. R. 6127, authorize allocation of funds for payment of one-half cost of bridge over Mississinewa River, Grant County, Ind.

Church Lease: H. R. 6332, authorizing lease of federally owned building to Temple Methodist Church of San Francisco, Calif.

Stamp: H. R. 6368, to issue stamp commemorating dedication of Palomar Mountain Observatory.

Penalty Mail: H. R. 6406, providing for the control of the use of penalty mail by Government departments.

Land Conveyance: H. R. 6448, authorizing conveyance of certain land in Tennessee by Administrator of

Veterans' Affairs to Johnson City, Tenn.

Federal Annuities: H. R. 6454, to provide annuities for certain Federal employees who have rendered at least 20 years' service investigating and apprehending persons suspected or convicted of offenses against the United States.

Aeronautics: H. R. 6628, providing a program in the field of lighter-than-air aeronautics under U. S. Maritime Commission.

Retirement: H. R. 6707, to amend the Officer Personnel Act of 1947.

Dental Research: H. R. 6726, providing for a Na-

tional Institute of Dental Research.

Personal Property: H. R. 6794, settlement of claims of military personnel and civilian employees for personal-property loss or damage occurring incident to their service.

Stamp: H. J. Res. 327, to issue a stamp commemorative of Juliette Low, founder and organizer of Girl Scouting in the United States.

Pages 7377-7424

Weed Killer: Agreed to H. Res. 452, requesting Secretary of Agriculture to act to prevent damage to valuable crops as a result of use of weed killer, "2,4-D."

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Private Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Private Calendar:

Cleared for the President: S. 424, 873, 1062, 1504, 1551, 1573, 1703, and 1835.

Sent to Senate without amendment: H. R. 355, 1170, 1902, 2349, 2395, 4179, 4292, 4644, 5655, 5943, and 6216.

Sent to the Senate, amended: S. 1281 and 2040; H. R. 329, 403, 915, 1220, 1501, 1782, 1783, 1795, 1910, 2431, 2435, 2508, 2531, 3727, 3848, 4133, 4458, 4590, 5113, 5484, 6186, and 6482 (second omnibus bill, 80th Cong.).

Passed over without prejudice: H. R. 6327.

Pages 7425-7436

Railroad Retirement: Passed, under suspension of rules, H. R. 6766, amending Railroad Retirement Act and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, to provide for a 20-percent increase in payments in pensions and annuities of retired workers.

Pages 7436-7449

District of Columbia Legislation: Considered and passed the following bills:

Insurance: S. 612, D. C. insurance-regulation bill (amended).

Barbers: H. R. 4635, amending regulations relating to barbers.

Hospital Liens: S. 2643, compensation payment of liens to D. C. hospitals.

Private Bill: H. R. 6327, a private bill.

Doctors: H. R. 6524, amending laws regulating medical profession in D. C.

Insane: H. R. 6598, amending the Act To Provide for Insanity Proceedings.

D. C. Police and Firemen: H. R. 5047, increasing annual salaries of Metropolitan Police, U. S. Park Police, White House Police, and members of the Fire Department.

D. C. Police and Firemen: H. R. 6295, providing for increased retirement and death pensions for D. C. Fire and Police Departments.

Public Safety: H. R. 6452, relative to fees for posting firemen and policemen on licensed premises for protection of public safety.

D. C. Code: S. 1265, amending D. C. Code, relative to liability for causing death by wrongful act.

D. C. Code: S. 1266, amending D. C. Code, relative to admissibility of testimony (amended).

Court Actions: S. 1442, relative to survival of court actions (amended).

Liens: S. 2406, recording of liens on vehicles and trailers.

Business Licenses: H. R. 6106, issuance of licenses, without examination, to certain persons to engage in business (amended).

D. C. Revenue: H. R. 6759, to provide additional revenue for the District of Columbia (amended).

Pages 7450-7475

D. C. Appropriation: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6430, District of Columbia appropriation bill for 1949, agreed to conference asked by Senate, and appointed Representatives Horan, Stefan, Church, Stockman, Andrews, Bates, and Fogarty as conferees.

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World Health: Adopted conference report on S. J. Res. 98, authorizing an appropriation and providing for U. S. participation in World Health Organization.

Pages 7449-7450

Treasury and Post Office Appropriation: Adopted conference report on H. R. 5770, making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments for 1949.

On amendment No. 12, in disagreement, relating to management and operational studies of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, the House receded and concurred.

On the following two amendments, in disagreement, the House concurred, with amendments:

Amendment No. 15, relating to the purchase of typewriters by the Director of the Bureau of Federal Supply.

Amendment No. 34, relating to the transfer of funds, field service, Post Office Department. Pages 7475-7477

Railway Postal Clerks: Passed S. 2152, to increase the maximum travel allowance for railway postal clerks and substitutes.

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Committee Meetings

PROTOTYPE AIRCRAFT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air Matériel considered and agreed to report to the full committee H. R. 6501, for the development of civil transport aircraft adaptable for auxiliary military service. Testifying at this hearing were C. V. Whitney, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force; Gen. L. S. Kuter, CG, NATS; Gen. E. S. Powers, Chief of Material Division, and Gen. K. B. Wolfe, Matériel Command, both of the Air Force; and Robert Ramspeck, representing the Air Transport Association, Washington, D. C.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Concluded hearings on S. 866, T-E-W housing bill, and related measures to carry out a national housing policy. The final witnesses to be heard on this housing legislation were Representative Gwinn of New York, who spoke against the public housing feature of the measure; Representative Pace, who spoke in favor of rural housing; and the following officials of the National Association of Home Builders: Milton J. Brock, president, who made a general statement, Rodney M. Lockwood, vice president, whose subject was slum clearance and public housing, and Thomas Coogan, chairman of the Mortgage and Finance Committee, who spoke on home financing.

PROPAGANDA

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda heard the testimony of Richard L. Boke, regional director of region 2, California, in its investigation of charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California. Hearings will be resumed next Monday, June 14.

ARMED MERCHANTMEN—UN STRUCTURE— ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF STATE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered the following bills to be reported to the House:

S. 1107, to authorize permanent arming of American vessels in time of national emergency;

H. R. 6802, to strengthen UN and promote international cooperation for peace; and

H. R. 6822, to continue authorization for appointment of two additional Assistant Secretaries of State.

TRANSPORTATION INQUIRY

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Continued hearings on its national transportation study as it relates to national defense, with the following witnesses being heard: Bertram H. Lindman, Traffic Engineering and Safety Department, AAA, Washington, D. C.; Leon F. Banigan, managing director, National Council of Private Motor Truck Owners, Inc., Washington, D. C.; R. F. Fageol, chairman of board, Twin Coach Co., Ohio;

Verne Drew, research director, Fruehauf Trailer Co., representing Truck Trailers Manufacturing Association, Washington, D. C.; Robert Young, chairman of board, Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Co.; and Ray Long, vice president, Divco Corp., Detroit, Mich. Hearings continue tomorrow.

POSTAL MECHANIZATION

Committee on the Post Office and Civil Service: The following witnesses were heard before the Subcommittee on Mechanization of the Postal Service, relative to a study to justify purchase of 1,480 trucks by the Department at a figure quoted over the schedule of prices for such trucks: F. W. Whitt, Director, Federal Bureau of Supply; F. J. Buckley, Under Fourth Assistant Postmaster General; A. G. Biedenweg, Superintendent, Motor Vehicle Service, Post Office Department; Paul Castiglioni, legislative representative, National Federation of Post Office Motor Vehicle Employees; and William Doherty, president, National Association of Letter Carriers. Will meet again at call of Chair.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES SUPPLEMENTAL—KEY MANSION

Committee on Rules: Reported H. Res. 651, waiving points of order against H. R. 6829, the supplemental independent offices appropriation bill. The rule also waives points of order against amendments to the bill offered by direction of the Committee on Appropriations. Representative Wigglesworth, Phillips of California, and Thomas of Texas spoke in favor of the resolution.

Also reported H. Res. 652, waiving points of order against, and providing 1 hour's debate on, H. J. Res. 150, providing for restoration and preservation of the Francis Scott Key Mansion, and to establish the Key National Monument. Representative Beall was heard in favor of the rule. Will meet again tomorrow at 10:30 a. m.

INCOME-TAX FORMS

Committee on Ways and Means: The Under Secretary of the Treasury, A. Lee M. Wiggins, explained the new income-tax forms at an executive meeting, and the committee approved the proposed forms.

Joint Committee Meetings

LABOR

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: Committee continued hearings on labor-management relations, receiving testimony from G. B. Christensen, attorney of Chicago, on the National Labor Relations Act in general. Prof. Richard A. Lester, Princeton University, discussed industry-wide bargaining; and A. J. Packard, American Hotel Association, opposed the ex-

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tension of the jurisdiction of the National Labor Relations Act to cover hotels. Hearings continue tomorrow.

RAILROAD LABOR

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: In an afternoon session to consider railroad-labor problems,

the committee heard the following two witnesses testify that the present Railway Labor Act was sufficient to take care of any railroad-labor problems; they opposed any amendments to the act: A. E. Lyon, Railway Labor Executives' Association, and Byrd A. Whitney, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate disposed of various amendments to Selective Service Act of 1948 and agreed to time for vote on its passage.

House passed supplemental independent offices appropriation bill for 1949. Bills on flood control, housing, oil agreements, aviation, communications, public health, railroads, and veterans approved by Senate groups. Investigations of radio and of monopoly voted by Senate group. National bank-merger bill ordered reported by House committee.

Conferees reached agreement on naval construction and legislative appropriation bills.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 7500-7510

Bills Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2834 to S. 2843; S. J. Res. 231; and S. Res. 256.

Pages 7502, 7595-7596

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 3214, to revise, codify, and enact into law title 28 of the U. S. Code, entitled "Judicial Code and Judiciary," with amendments (S. Rept. 1559);

S. 1857, confirming certain oil contracts negotiated by

Treasury, with amendment (S. Rept. 1560);

H. R. 5508, extending benefits of Veterans' Preference Act to certain mothers of veterans, with amendment (S. Rept. 1561);

H. R. 5272, relating to compensation of certain rail-

way postal clerks (S. Rept. 1562);

S. 2460, to exempt air carriers from payments of compensation for customs employees' overtime services, with amendment (S. Rept. 1563);

H. R. 4244, to authorize assistance in acquiring specially adapted housing for paraplegic veterans (S. Rept.

TE64).

Report of Joint Committee on Economic Report on

high prices of consumer goods (S. Rept. 1565);

S. Res. 241, to investigate impact upon consumers and business of recent Federal court decisions relative to regulation of trade practices in interstate and foreign commerce, with amendments (S. Rept. 1566); S. 1333, to amend Communications Act of 1934, with amendment (S. Rept. 1567);

H. R. 6419, authorizing construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors for navigation and flood control, with amendments (S. Rept. 1568);

S. 2322, providing for sale of part of a war housing project to Department of Public Safety, Florida, with amendment (S. Rept. 1569);

S. 2692, to terminate retirement system of Office of Comptroller of Currency and transfer same to civil-service retirement and disability fund, with amendment (S. Rept. 1570);

S. Res. 249, to continue a study of national health problems (S. Rept. 1571);

S. 1969, to amend the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946 relating to the training of Filipinos in public health (S. Rept. 1572);

S. 2341, to authorize an increase of an additional \$100,000 in annual appropriations for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory (S. Rept. 1573);

S. 2782, to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937, to increase certain annuities, and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act with respect to taxes levied thereunder (S. Rept. 1574);

S. 2793, establishment of internships in VA's Medicine and Surgery Department (S. Rept. 1575);

S. 2767, to provide assistance in the recruitment and distribution of farm labor, with amendment (S. Rept. 1576);

S. 2794, to authorize VA Administrator to prescribe the rates of pay for certain positions at field installations,

with amendment (S. Rept. 1577);

H. R. 4114, authorizing certain expenditures from appropriations of the Public Health Service (S. Rept. 1578);

H. R. 5820, aiding in the development of improved prosthetic appliances for veterans (S. Rept. 1579);

H. R. 6289, providing for voluntary admission and treatment of mental patients at St. Elizabeths Hospital (S. Rept. 1580);

H. R. 6339, amending the Public Health Service Act relating to standards of maintenance and operation for hospital receiving aid under that title (S. Rept. 1581);

S. 2739, issuance of stamp commemorative of two hundredth anniversary of founding of Alexandria, Va. (S. Rept. 1582);

H. R. 4964, preserving seniority rights of 10-pointpreference eligibles changing positions within postal service (S. Rept. 1583);

S. 2825, increasing compensation to surviving children of deceased veterans whose deaths were wartimeservice-connected, with amendments (S. Rept. 1584);

S. 2464, to authorize Maritime Commission to provide for development of lighter-than-air rigid airships for commercial use (no written report).

Pages 7500-7501

Bills Cleared for President: Senate concurred in House amendments to the following bills, thus clearing them for the President:

National Forest: S. 1090, to safeguard and consolidate certain areas in Superior National Forest, Minn.; Bridge: S. 2201, to construct and operate bridges or

tunnels on Chesapeake Bay near Sandy Point, Md.;

Heart Research: S. 2215, to support research and training in diseases of the heart and circulation;

National Forest: S. 1037, to authorize revision of boundaries of Caribou National Forest in Idaho;

Land Restoration: S. 1871, to restore land to town site of Wadsworth, Nev.;

Reclamation: S. 1987, to authorize construction of Preston Bench project, Idaho. Pages 7528, 7553-7555

Aviation: Passed, with amendment, H. R. 6628, to authorize Maritime Commission to provide for development of lighter-than-air rigid airships for commercial use, by substituting therefor the provision of S. 2464, a similar bill, and asked for a conference, appointing Senators Brewster, Hawkes, Capehart, Johnson of Colorado, and McFarland as conferees. S. 2464 was indefinitely postponed. Pages 7526-7527,

Longshoremen: Senate asked for a conference on S. 2237, to increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, and appointed as conferees Senators Ball, Ives, and Ellender. Pages 7527-7528

Labor-Federal Security: Adopted conference report on H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriations for 1949, clearing bill for the President.

Federal Security Agency: Adopted conference report on H. R. 6355, Federal Security Agency supplemental appropriations for 1949, clearing bill for the President.

Pages 7576-7578

Home Owners' Loan: Senate asked for conference on H. R. 2708, amending Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, regarding State conversion of Federal savings and loan associations, and appointed as conferees Senators Cain, Bricker, and Sparkman.

Selective Service: Senate continued consideration of S. 2655, Selective Service Act of 1948, taking action on amendments, as follows:

Adopted by 44 yeas to 39 nays, Kem amendment providing for a revision of the Articles of War with respect to courts martial; by voice vote Flanders amendment requiring President to consult National Security Resources Board before drafting industry in event of emergency; and by voice vote, Hickenlooper amendment providing that draft of industry may be for use of Atomic Energy Commission as well as for the armed forces.

Rejected, by voice vote, Russell amendment giving servicemen option of serving in units of their own race; by voice vote, Malone amendment adding to the bill provisions for universal military training; by 24 yeas to 57 nays, Capehart amendment deferring operation of act until President proclaims insufficiency of size of armed forces; and by voice vote, Morse amendment cutting period of service under Act from 2 years to 18 months.

O'Daniel amendment to change effective date of bill to coincide with effective date of a tax bill "to draft war profits" remained pending when Senate recessed.

Under unanimous consent it was agreed to reconsider the vote by which the Morse amendment, cutting period of service under act from 2 years to 18 months, was rejected, and that a yea-and-nay vote be taken on it following a vote on the pending amendment by Senator O'Daniel.

Under unanimous consent Senate agreed to vote at 3 p. m., June 10, on final passage of the bill and all amendments thereto.

Pages 7490-7500, 7510-7525, 7528-7553, 7557-7570, 7579-7595,

Flood Disaster: Senate adopted S. J. Res. 231, authorizing \$10 million for stopgap emergency housing in Columbia River flood disaster. Pages 7595-7596

Confirmations: Senate confirmed 4 civilian, 2 postmaster, and 30 military nominations. Pages 7596-7597

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN-AID APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee held hearings on H. R. 680r, foreign-aid appropriations, and received testimony from Senators Vandenberg and Barkley in support of restoring House cuts in amount of estimated appropriations. William H. Draper, Jr., Under Secretary of Army, and Tracy S. Voorhees, Special Food Administrator for Occupied Areas, discussed problems of occupied areas. Hearings continue tomorrow.

GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee, in executive session, concluded marking up for reporting to the full committee, H. R. 6481, appropriations for Government corporations. Details on proposed changes by the subcommittee will be made public tomorrow.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee met in executive session to mark up for reporting H. R. 6705, Interior appropriations for 1949, but did not finish its work in the afternoon session. It met again in night session (7:30 p. m.) to continue on the bill.

HOUSING AND OIL AGREEMENTS

Committee on Banking and Currency: The committee approved for reporting to the Senate S. 1857, confirming certain oil contracts negotiated by Treasury; H. R. 4244, to authorize assistance in acquiring specially adapted housing for paraplegic veterans; and S. 2322, sale of part of war housing project No. Fla. 8252-1 to the State of Florida.

The nomination of Henry J. Tasca, to be U. S. Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, was favorably reported.

RADIO AND MONOPOLY (BASE-POINT PRICING) INVESTIGATIONS—AVIATION AND COMMUNICATIONS BILLS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: In closed session committee approved the two following investigation proposals: S. Res. 241, to authorize \$50,000 for the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, or subcommittee thereof, to make an investigation of legislative policies affecting the activities of the FTC and the ICC, and the impact of these policies as interpreted by the Supreme Court with particular reference to the basing-point or freight-equalization system of pricing and the impact on business and consumers, as well as the status of business enterprise in the U. S. "seeking to determine the extent and character of economic concentration" and its effect on status of free competitive business enterprise, "and the status of free competitive business enterprise as affected by transportation and Federal

Trade regulations"; and a motion authorizing the chairman to appoint a subcommittee to study allocations and use of frequencies for various radio services, particularly for international short-wave broadcasting, with the purpose of determining whether the best and most equitable use is being made of such frequencies, and to report its findings to the full committee in anticipation of legislative proposals dealing with communications matters.

The committee approved for reporting, with amendment, S. 2460, to exempt air carriers from payments for compensation for customs employees' overtime services; and S. 1333, to amend the broadcasting provisions, makeup of Commission, and appellate and procedural provisions of the Communications Act of 1934.

It approved without amendment S. 2464, to authorize Maritime Commission to provide for development of lighter-than-air rigid airships for commercial use.

The committee adopted a motion to assert its jurisdiction with respect to communications under the Legislative Reorganization Act.

JUDGE OF CANAL ZONE

Committee on the Judiciary: Peyton Ford, Assistant Attorney General, and Bill Hushing, AFL, appeared before the subcommittee to testify in support of the nomination of Joseph Hancock, Kentucky, to be district judge of the Canal Zone. Adjourned subject to call of the chair.

CONTRACT SETTLEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: In hearings on H. R. 5040, to amend the Contract Settlement Act of 1944, relative to time for filing claims, subcommittee received testimony from Senator Ecton in behalf of his amendment to the bill. The following witnesses discussed generally the provisions of the bill: Phillip Nicholas, Jr., general counsel, Bureau of Federal Supply, Treasury Department; Maj. Norman P. Herr, JAG; Harold W. Sheehan, RFC; Matthew Hale, Commerce Department; Charles E. Johnson, GAO; J. Carson Atkerson, president, American Manganese Association; and Mrs. Herbert Cox, North Canton, Ohio.

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization held hearings on S. 2755, to exempt the Immigration and Naturalization Service from the Administrative Procedure Act of 1946, with the following witnesses testifying in support of the bill: E. J. Shaughnessy, Paul L. Winnings, and Joseph Savoretti, all of the Immigration and Naturalization Service; David Reich, Department of Justice; and Harry V. Hayden, American Legion.

Testifying in opposition to the bill were: Ashley Seller, American Bar Association; Abram Orlow, Association of Immigration and Naturalization Lawyers; Joseph Forer, National Lawyers Guild; and Seth Levine, CIO.

PUBLIC HEALTH, RAILROADS, AND VETERANS' LEGISLATION

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: In executive session the committee approved the following bills for reporting to the Senate in the form recommended by its subcommittees: S. Res. 249, to permit Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, through its Subcommittee on Health, to continue its study of health problems of the Nation; S. 1969, to amend the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946 relating to the training of Filipinos in public health; S. 2341, to authorize an increase of an additional \$100,000 in annual appropriations for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory; H. R. 4114, authorizing certain expenditures from appropriations of the Public Health Service; H. R. 6289, providing for voluntary admission and treatment of mental patients at St. Elizabeths Hospital; H. R. 6339, amending the Public Health Service Act relating to standards of maintenance and operation for hospitals receiving aid under that title; S. 2782, to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 to increase certain annuities and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act with respect to taxes levied thereunder; H. R. 5820, aiding in the development of improved prosthetic appliances for veterans; S. 2793, establishment of internships in VA's Medicine and Surgery Department; and S. 2794, authorize VA Administrator to prescribe the rates of pay for certain positions at field installations.

Committee approved with amendment S. 2767, to provide assistance in the recruitment and distribution of farm labor.

Six routine nominations and promotions in the Public Health Service were also approved.

RETIREMENT—POSTMASTERS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Committee voted to report S. 2692, to terminate the retirement system of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and to transfer same to civil service retirement and disability fund.

Three hundred and thirty postmaster nominations were favorably approved.

Committee authorized Staff Director George D. Riley to make a special investigation of the complaints about the nominee for postmaster at Houston.

FLOOD CONTROL AND RIVER AND HARBOR PROJECTS

Committee on Public Works: Committee, in executive session, approved for reporting to the Senate, with amendment, H. R. 6419, to authorize \$132,444,000 for various emergency flood-control and river and harbor projects.

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT—SMALL BUSINESS

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: The following witnesses of the Economic Cooperative Administration testified before the committee on the Government's procurement program under the ECA as it relates to small business: Howard Bruce, Deputy Administrator; C. Tyler Wood, assistant to Deputy Administrator; James Cooley, acting assistant general counsel; Glenn H. Craig, Acting Deputy Director of the Industry Division; and Edward E. Kunze, Acting Deputy Director, Procurement Operations Division. Hearings continue tomorrow on procurement under the national security program.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twelve public bills, H. R. 6851-6862; four private bills, H. R. 6863-6866; and four resolutions, H. J. Res. 421, H. Con. Res. 211, and H. Res. 653 and 654, were introduced.

Pages 7598, 7656-7657

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. Res. 653, providing for an additional employee in the House Press Gallery (H. Rept. 2267);

S. 2376, providing for purchase of agricultural commodities and raw materials to be processed and sold in occupied areas (H. Rept. 2268);

H. R. 6049, to authorize the President, in his discretion, to permit the stoppage of work on certain combatant vessels (H. Rept. 2269);

H. R. 6334, to authorize the use of oleomargarine by the Armed Forces (H. Rept. 2270);

Twenty private bills: S. 83, 158, 765, 1337, 1409, 1606, 1730, H. R. 5336, S. 1303, H. Res. 644, H. R. 1643, 3066, 4103, 4128, 4456, 4601, 4881, 5145, 5339, and 5423 (H. Repts. 2271-2290);

H. R. 6802, to strengthen the United Nations and promote international cooperation for peace (H. Rept. 2291);

H. R. 4367, construction of a bridge across the Rio Grande at or near Hidalgo, Tex. (H. Rept. 2292);

H. R. 5252, to extend time for commencement of construction of a toll bridge across the Rio Grande at or near Rio Grande City, Tex. (H. Rept. 2293);

H. R. 6808, permitting refund or credit to brewers of taxes paid on beer lost in bottling operations (H. Rept. 2294);

H. R. 6079, to assure veterans full education and training opportunities commensurate with tuition charges

(H. Rept. 2295);

Conference report on H. R. 6500, legislative branch appropriation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 2296);

Conference report on S. 1675, Navy public works bill

(H. Rept. 2297); and

H. R. 6570, providing for the conversion of national banking associations into, and their merger or consolidation with, State banks (H. Rept. 2298).

Pages 7644, 7656

Conferee Change: Representative Clevenger was appointed to replace Representative Johnson of Indiana as a conferee on H. R. 6500, legislative branch appropriation bill for 1949.

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House Press Gallery: Adopted H. Res. 653, providing for an additional employee in the House Press Gallery.

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Land Disposal: Passed H. R. 6457, providing for disposition of lands on the Cabazon, Augustine, and Torres-Martenez Indian Reservations.

Pages 7602-7603

Supplemental Federal Security Appropriation: Adopted conference report on H. R. 6355, Federal Security Agency supplemental appropriation bill, 1949. The House receded and concurred with an amendment on one of the two amendments in disagreement and receded and concurred on the other amendment. This measure also provides for the transfer of the U. S. Employment Service from the Labor Department to the Federal Security Agency and provides for its administration by the Bureau of Employment Security under the jurisdiction of the Social Security Administration.

Pages 7603-7609

Labor-Federal Security Appropriation: Adopted the conference report on H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriation bill, 1949, and sent it to the Senate after receding and concurring with an amendment to the amendment which was in disagreement. Pages 7609-7610

Capital-Stock Retirements: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 2799, amending Federal Home Loan Bank and National Housing Act relative to certain capital-stock retirements, requested a conference with the Senate, and appointed Representatives Wolcott, Gamble, Smith of Ohio, Kunkel, Spence, Brown of Georgia, and Patman as conferees on the part of the House.

Supplemental Independent Offices Appropriation: Passed, by voice vote, H. R. 6829, making supplemental appropriations of \$5,795,048,931 for the necessary functions of the Office of Defense Transportation, Atomic Energy Commission, Office of Housing Expediter, U. S. Maritime Commission, and Veterans' Administration,

and for surplus property disposal. The amount of funds supplied by this bill is \$504,570,069 below the budget estimate. Before passage the bill was amended to continue flight training of veterans provided it is in connection with his business or occupation or a business or occupation for which he is training. Also agreed to amendments establishing a VA hospital in Arlington, Va.; protecting priority rights of former property owners in disposal of surplus real estate; and banning the conversion of heating plants, in Federal buildings, to fuel oil or natural gas if located where there are fuel oil shortages. H. Res. 651, providing for consideration of H. R. 6829, was previously adopted.

Pages 7603, 7611-7643

Blind: Passed H. R. 6818, amending Social Security Act relating to aid to the blind. Page 7644

Committee Meetings

BANK MERGERS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Ordered H. R. 6570 reported to the House with an amendment. This bill provides for the conversion of national banking associations into, and their merger or consolidation with, State banks. Witnesses appearing at the hearing on this measure were: Edward H. Foley, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; D. E. Brumbaugh, superintendent of Banking, State of Pennsylvania; C. Francis Cooke, chairman, Federal Legislative Committee, and C. E. Bennett, chairman, State Bank Division, both of the American Bankers Association; Howard Stoddard, president, Michigan National Banking Association; and Lyle L. Robertson, assistant to the Chairman, FDIC.

OFF-STREET PARKING

Committee on District of Columbia: The Subcommittee on Public Service, Streets, and Traffic approved for reporting to the full committee S. 2642, relative to the leasing of property for the development of parking facilities in the District. Vernon West, D. C. Corporation Counsel; George Keneipp, Director, Department of Vehicles and Traffic; and W. E. Lamberton, parking-lot operator, testified on this legislation. Subcommittee Chairman Beall was authorized to introduce a resolution calling for an investigation of parking charges and directing the report of this study to be made back to the House next January.

PROPAGANDA-GAO AUDIT

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda heard the further testimony of Richard L. Boke, regional director of region 2, California, in its investigation of charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California. Hearings will continue on Monday, June 14.

Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings investigating the GAO audit of wartime railroad freight vouchers heard further testimony from the following officials of the General Accounting Office: Frank L. Yates, Assistant Comptroller General; Frank H. Weitzel and William L. Ellis, both assistants to the Comptroller General; R. F. Keller, attorney adviser; J. McDonnell, staff of Office of Administrative Planning; A. B. Thomas, Chief, Claims Division; W. J. Massie, Assistant Chief, and H. K. Wilson, special assistant, both of the Transportation Division.

RIO GRANDE TOLL BRIDGE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered H. R. 4367 and 5252 reported to the House. The first-mentioned bill authorizes the construction and maintenance of a railroad toll bridge across the Rio Grande at or near Hidalgo, Tex.; and the second extends the time for commencing the construction of a toll bridge across the Rio Grande until July 31, 1949.

TRANSPORTATION INQUIRY

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Concluded hearings on national transportation study as it relates to national defense and heard the following witnesses: William J. Cronin, managing director, Automobile Manufacturers' Association, Detroit, Mich.; Robert Ramspeck, executive vice president, Air Transport Association, Washington, D. C.; John Stewart, president, Air Dispatch, Cincinnati, Ohio; Fred S. Roberts, Phelps-Roberts Corp., Washington, D. C.; Lattimer Ford, piston ring division, Koppers Co., Baltimore, Md.; Prof. John S. Werley, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.; and Ernie Adamson, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

MINERAL CONTRACT SETTLEMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered H. R. 4928 reported favorably to the House, as amended. This bill amends the Contract Settlement Act of 1944 so as to authorize the payment of fair compensation to persons contracting to deliver certain strategic or critical minerals or metals in cases of failure to recover reasonable costs. Twelve private claims bills and ten private immigration bills were also ordered reported, and nine private immigration bills were tabled.

OVERTIME COMPENSATION

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Considered but took no action on H. R. 5002, providing for compensation for excess hours of work performed by employees of the U. S. Employment Service who were engaged in performing duties within the States. Witnesses testifying on this bill were: Donald Fenton, representative of Massachusetts Division of Employment Security; Herbert S. Thatcher, general counsel for International Union of American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees; Phoebe F. Hayes, librarian for International Union of American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees; and Ismar Baruch, chief, Personnel Classification Division, Civil Service Commission.

REVENUE REVISION—STRATEGIC METALS PRODUCTION

Committee on Rules: Considered, but took no action on, a resolution providing for consideration of H. R. 6712, to provide for tax revenue revision, and to correct tax inequities. Representatives Knutson, Doughton, Reed of New York, Cooper, Jenkins of Ohio, and Mason spoke in favor of the resolution.

Also considered a resolution providing for consideration of H. R. 6623, to stimulate the production and conservation of strategic and critical ores, metals, and minerals, and for the establishment within the Department of the Interior of a Mine Incentive Payments Division. No action was taken. Speaking in favor of the resolution were Representatives Welch, Lemke, Russell, Short, Murdock, Fernandez, Jensen, Mansfield, Plumley, Stevenson, D'Ewart, Martin of Iowa, Dawson, Morris, and Engle of California.

Meets at 11 a. m. tomorrow.

VETERANS' EDUCATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met in executive session and ordered H. R. 6079 reported to the House. This bill would establish a procedure by which the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs may assure veterans full education and training opportunities commensurate with tuition charges by education and training institutions.

Joint Committee Meetings

LABOR

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: Continuing hearings on proposed specific amendments to the Labor-Management Act of 1947, the committee received testimony from William Green, president, AFL, urging repeal of the act. J. W. Brown, general counsel, Hotel and Restaurant Employees-Bartenders International Union, Cincinnati, testified in opposition to an extension of jurisdiction of the NLRB to matters of local concern, and urged the adoption of an amendment that would more accurately define the limits of jurisdiction of the Board to interstate commerce. Hearings continue tomorrow.

NAVAL CONSTRUCTION

Conferees reached agreement to file conference report on S. 1675, to authorize \$200,689,500 for construction, including repairs, of designated naval public works in and out of continental U. S. As agreed to by the conferees, the Sandy Point Airfield project would be authorized.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees on H. R. 6500, Legislative appropriations for 1949, reached agreement over the differences in the House- and Senate-passed versions and agreed to file a conference report on the same.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Selective Service Act of 1948, and passed 78 bills on call of calendar.

House debated displaced-persons bill.

Senate group approved tidelands bill.

Housing bill approved by House Banking and Currency Committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 7682-7692

Bills Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2844 to S. 2851; S. Con. Res. 58; and S. Res. 257 and 258.

Pages 7686, 7688

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 6188, conferring jurisdiction over Fort Des Moines Veterans' Village upon the State of Iowa (S. Rept. 1585);

S. 2217 and H. R. 4566, private bills (S. Repts. 1586

and 1587, respectively);

S. 2755, to exempt the Immigration and Naturalization Service from the Administrative Procedure Act of

1946, with amendment (S. Rept. 1588);

S. 2730, to credit, in certain cases, military service and training preparatory thereto performed by employees of the postal service, with amendment (S. Rept. 1589);

H. R. 3934, amending Public Health Service Act with respect to venereal-disease rapid-treatment centers, with

amendments (S. Rept. 1590);

S. 1955, to acquire sites in preparation for Federal buildings generally, with amendments (S. Rept. 1591);

S. 1988, to quiet titles to tidelands beneath navigable streams, with amendments (S. Rept. 1592); and

H. Con. Res. 201, authorizing Speaker of House to accept invitation of Speaker of House of Assembly of Bermuda and Joint President of Bermuda Branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association (no written report, and referred to Committee on Rules and Administration).

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Bills Referred: Three House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

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Selective Service: By 78 yeas to 10 nays, Senate passed, with amendments, S. 2655, Selective Service Act of 1948, after taking the following action on amendments:

Adopted: By 65 yeas to 23 nays, Wherry amendment affirming claim of small business to participate in war contracts

Rejected: By 39 yeas to 50 nays, Myers motion to reconsider vote by which Kem amendment revising courts-martial system was previously adopted; by 8 yeas to 81 nays, O'Daniel amendment to change effective date of bill to coincide with effective date of a tax bill "to draft war profits"; by 22 yeas to 66 nays, Morse amendment to reduce service under act from 2 years to 18 months; by division vote, Maybank amendment respecting composition of National Guard units; by voice vote, two Wherry amendments, one to strike out section regarding draft of industry, the other to withhold draft of industry except when normal business methods do not produce articles needed; by division vote, Cain amendment stipulating that directors of National and State selective-service systems must be civilians; by voice vote, Murray amendment, making draft of doctors dependent on a finding that there are insufficient qualified volunteers in active service; and by 20 yeas to 60 nays, Revercomb amendment deferring effective date of act for 6 months and simplifying classification test for servicemen. Pages 7658-7681

Conference Reports Adopted: Senate adopted the following two conference reports, and cleared bills for the President:

Treasury-Post Office Appropriations: H. R. 5770, Treasury-Post Office appropriations for 1949; and

Legislative Appropriations: H. R. 6500, legislative appropriations for 1949.

The following conference report was adopted, sending bill back to House for its concurrence;

Naval Construction: S. 1675, authorizing construction and repair of designated naval public works.

Pages 7682, 7690-7692

Bills Cleared for President: Senate concurred in House amendments to the following bills, thus clearing them for the President:

D. C. Insurance: S. 612, to regulate the business of insurance in the D. C.;

D. C. Code: S. 1266, amending D. C. Code, relative to admissibility of testimony;

D. C. Code: S. 1442, amending D. C. Code, relative to survival of court actions;

D. C. Avenue: S. 2040, relative to condemnation proceedings for the extension of Eastern Avenue in D. C.;

Postal Service: S. 1082, allowing credits to certain postal employees for establishing promotion eligibility; Surplus Equipment: S. 1302, making surplus athletic

equipment available to organizations, etc.;

Army Students: S. 295, relative to detailing of Army personnel as students; and

Private Bill: S. 1281, private bill. Pages 7681-7682

Coast Guard: Senate asked for a conference on S. 2122, to authorize Coast Guard to maintain and operate ocean stations, and appointed as conferees Senators Brewster, Hawkes, Capehart, Johnson of Colorado, and McFarland.

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United Nations: Senate called up S. Res. 239, reaffirming policy of U. S. to achieve peace and security through UN, but laid it aside temporarily for consideration of the calendar.

Pages 7681, 7718

Calendar Bills Passed: On call of the calendar, 78 unobjected-to bills, of which 23 were private, were passed as follows:

Without amendment and cleared for President:

Civil Service: H. R. 5112, amending the Civil Service Retirement Act relative to Members of Congress who leave their office to serve in the U. S. armed forces;

Bridge Commission: H. R. 3915, regarding Arkansas-

Mississippi River Bridge Commission;

Retired Pay: H. R. 5344, preventing retroactive checkage of retired pay in the cases of certain enlisted men and officers;

Veterans: H. R. 5758, permitting certain relatives of deceased veterans to receive benefits of armed forces leave bonds:

Navy Secretary: H. R. 4032, authorizing delegation to Secretary of Navy certain discretionary powers of the President;

Vessel: H. R. 3883, transfer of vessel Hygiene to Territory of Alaska:

Canadian Vessels: H. R. 6110, to authorize Canadian vessels to land halibut in Alaskan ports;

Hawaii: H. R. 6229, authorizing extension of leases of certain land in Hawaii;

Public Land: H. R. 5071, extending public-land laws to islands in Red River, Okla.;

Grazing Lands: H. R. 6073, providing for acquisition of certain grazing lands;

Pelican Rock: H. R. 4874, transferring Pelican Rock in Crescent City Harbor to Del Norte County, Calif.;

Cemetery: H. R. 4688, to enlarge the Gettysburg National Cemetery;

Panama Canal: H. R. 2273, to grant certain benefits to Panama Canal employees;

Railroad: H. R. 5891, relative to charter of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad Co.;

Farm Loans: H. R. 6114, to amend title I of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, to increase the rate of interest on title I loans, provide for redemption of nondelinquent insured mortgages, and authorize advances for preservation and protection of the insured-loan security;

Forest Service: H. R. 6113, transfer of certain land in Langlade County, Wis., to the U. S. Forest Service;

Sugar: H. R. 5174, authorizing CCC to make adjustment payments to certain producers of cane sugar in Puerto Rico and Hawaii;

VA Leases: H. R. 6730, to extend section of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 relating to authority of the VA Administrator to enter into leases not exceeding 5 years;

Travel Expenses: H. R. 5134, to authorize travel expenses for vocational rehabilitation purposes to VA beneficiaries and their attendants;

Lead: H. R. 6489, to authorize temporary free importation of lead;

Navy Medical: H. R. 5983, to remove present restriction on appointments to the Navy Medical Service Corps;

Stamp: H. R. 6368, providing for the issuance of a special postage stamp on dedication of Palomar Mountain observatory;

Government Vehicles: H. R. 2588, requiring use of Government-owned motor vehicles in delivery of mail under certain conditions;

Bridge: H. R. 3402, relative to refinancing bridge over the Missouri River at Rulo, Nebr.;

D. C. Nurseries: H. R. 5808, to continue day-care nursery school in the D. C. for 1 year; and

Private Bills: Fifteen private bills: H. R. 2684, 1726, 1781, 633, 1855, 3352, 3159, 2479, 636, 3641, 2062, 4830, 2634, 2922, and 5147.

With amendment to be sent back to House:

Wildlife: H. R. 2721, maintenance of water level in upper Mississippi River for wildlife purposes;

Headstones: H. R. 4272, to furnish headstones or markers for graves of honorably discharged members of the armed forces, including Union and Confederate;

Florida Land: H. R. 3735, to convey Santa Rosa Island, Fla., to Okaloosa County;

Highway Aid: H. R. 5888, Federal aid to highways; Reclamation: H. R. 3218, to authorize an emergency fund for the Bureau of Reclamation to assure the continuous operation of its irrigation and power systems;

Hawaii: H. R. 6252, issue land patent for school purposes to certain public lands in Kauai, T. H.;

Mineral Rights: H. R. 4856, to delay liquidation of mineral rights reserved to U. S. as required by Farmers Home Administration Act of 1946;

Army Retirement: H. R. 2744, retirement of Regular Army officers and equalization of retirement benefits for members of the AUS;

Irrigation: H. R. 5416, to promote the interests of the Fort Hall Indian irrigation project in Idaho; and

Private Bills: Two private bills: H. R. 3260 and 3500. Without amendment and cleared for House:

Statue: S. 2591, acceptance of statue of Gen. José

Gervasio Artigas from Uruguay;

Work Stoppage: S. 2400, to authorize President to stop work on specified combatant vessels notwithstanding statutory provisions for increase and replacement of naval vessels;

Federal Prison: S. 2621, authorizing the extension of the functions and duties of Federal Prison Industries, Inc., to military disciplinary barracks;

Engineers: S. 2770, fixing the rank of the assistant to the Chief of Engineers in charge of river and harbor

and flood-control improvements;

Retired Pay: S. 2670, relating to the receipt of pay, allowances, travel, or other expenses while drawing a pension, disability allowance, or retired pay;

School: S. 1844, authorizing an appropriation for

school buildings at Winnebago, Nebr.;

Railroads: S. 2371, validating certain conveyances to Oregon Short Line Railroad Co. and Union Pacific Railroad Co.;

Land Titles: S. 2418, to remove the 10-year limitation for adjustment of titles by the Secretary of Agri-

culture to land acquired by the U.S.;

Bankruptcy: S. 826, changing definition of transfer which shall be deemed a preference to creditors under the Bankruptcy Act, and modifying provisions relating to the time of transfer;

Criminal Cases: S. 20, to regulate the review of judgments of conviction in certain criminal cases;

Habeas Corpus: S. 21, to regulate habeas corpus pro-

ceedings in the courts of the U.S.;

Indians: S. 1820, conferring jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation;

Annual Leave: S. 2517, to amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of 1930 relative to annual leave accrued at death; and

Private Bills: Three private bills: S. 165, S. Res. 251

With amendment and cleared for House:

Animals and Birds: S. 1447, requiring humane treatment of imported wild animals and birds;

D. C. Weapons: S. 2028, regulating possession or acquisition of dangerous weapons in D. C.;

Naval Academy: S. 239, relating to the Board of Visitors of the Naval Academy and postgraduate school;

Carlsbad Project: S. 2286, Carlsbad irrigation project; Indians: S. 1683, conferring jurisdiction on the courts of N. Y. with respect to offenses committed on Indian reservations within State;

U. S. Courts: S. 19, relative to pay of jurors in the U. S. courts;

Insane Persons: S. 850, care and custody of insane persons convicted of U. S. offenses;

Service Disability: S. 595, providing rates of compensation for disabilities incurred in active military or naval service; and

Private Bills: Three private bills: S. 108, 1717, and 1715.

Condolence Resolution: Senate adopted S. Res. 257, expressing condolence on death of Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach, and providing that when Senate concludes business today it recess out of respect to his memory.

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Nominations: Twenty Foreign Service nominations were received.

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Committee Meetings

FOREIGN-AID APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee continued hearings on H. R. 6801, foreign-aid appropriations, and received testimony from Harold Stassen in support of restoring House cuts in amount of estimated appropriations. Secretary of Army Royall, Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, Assistant Secretary of Army Voorhees, and Ralph S. Trigg, Production and Marketing Administration, discussed the China aid program. O. K. Armstrong, writer, and Alfred Kohlberg talked on the situation in the occupied areas. Senator Flanders appeared to discuss section on export control.

In an afternoon session the committee also heard representatives of the ECA, State Department, and witnesses representing private groups or themselves, mostly on China aid program.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee stayed in executive session continuously throughout the day, and continued in night session, to mark up for reporting to the full committee H. R. 6705, Interior appropriations for 1949.

DOUBLE-TAXATION TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee, in executive session, considered the Netherlands and Denmark double-taxation treaties, but did not finish work on them. Will continue tomorrow.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee met in executive session to consider bills on its calendar, but made no announcement. Action taken will be reported to the full committee at its meeting tomorrow.

TIDELANDS, ANTILYNCHING, AND IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: By a vote of 6 to 5, in executive session, the committee approved for reporting to the Senate, with amendments, S. 1988, to quiet titles to tidelands and lands beneath navigable streams.

Committee also considered antilynching legislation, but did not reach a vote on disposition. It continues on this tomorrow.

Committee approved for reporting the following three bills: With amendment, H. R. 238, extending admiralty jurisdiction, relative to maritime tort claims, and S. 2755, to exempt the Immigration and Naturalization Service from the Administrative Procedure Act of 1946; and, without amendment, S. 2217, private bill.

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS— SMALL BUSINESS

Special Committee To Study Problems of American Small Business: Government procurement under the national security program, as it relates to small business, was discussed before the committee by Brig. Gen. J. K. Christmas, Chief, Procurement Group, General Staff of the Army; Rear Adm. J. D. Boyle, Office of Naval Material; Brig. Gen. Aaron Kessler, Director, Procurement and Industrial Planning Headquarters, Air Force; and Walter J. Williams, Director, Division of Production, AEC. The committee was advised that the various agencies have under consideration the publication of a complete pamphlet on how to do business with the various Government agencies; it was informed that some of the agencies already have such pamphlets.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirteen public bills, H. R. 6867-6879; three private bills, H. R. 6880-6882; and eleven resolutions, H. J. Res. 422 and 423, H. Con. Res. 212 and 213, and H. Res. 655-661, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. Res. 649, authorizing payment of 6 months' salary and \$250 toward defrayment of funeral expenses to estate of recently deceased House employee (H. Rept. 2200):

H. Res. 656, providing for the consideration of and 1 hour of debate on H. R. 6712, to provide for revenue revision and to correct tax inequities (H. Rept. 2300);

H. Res. 657, to provide for the consideration of and I hour of general debate on S. 1260, to create a commission to hear and determine the claims of certain motor carriers (H. Rept. 2301);

S. 1107, to authorize permanent arming of American vessels in time of national emergency (H. Rept. 2302);

H. R. 6656, authorizing the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to prescribe rates of pay for certain positions at field installations (H. Rept. 2303);

H. R. 4073, providing assistance to the Republic of the Philippines for medical care and treatment of certain veterans who served in the organized military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines (H. Rept. 2304); and

H. R. 6439, to authorize Veterans' Administrator to study feasibility of adopting the West Virginia plan for construction and financing of low-cost housing for veterans (H. Rept. 2305).

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D. C. Fire Department: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 3433, amending D. C. Code, to provide for two-platoon system in Fire Department, thus clearing the bill for the President.

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House Employee: Reported, considered, and adopted H. Res. 649, authorizing payment of 6 months' salary and \$250 toward defrayment of funeral expenses to estate of recently deceased House employee. Page 7725

Legislative Appropriations: Adopted conference report on H. R. 6500, the legislative branch appropriation bill for 1949.

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Flood Disaster: Adopted S. J. Res. 231, authorizing \$10 million for stop-gap emergency housing in Columbia River flood disaster, thus completing all congressional action on the measure.

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Displaced Persons: After adopting H. Res. 637, providing for the consideration of H. R. 6396, which provides for the admission of 200,000 displaced persons within 2 years, the House proceeded to debate the measure for 3 hours, then commenced reading the bill for amendments under the 5-minute rule, but had to postpone final action on the measure until Friday.

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Longshoremen: Insisted on its amendments to S. 2237, to increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, agreed to conference requested by Senate, and appointed Representatives Landis, Schwabe of Missouri, and Kelley of Pennsylvania as conferees.

Aeronautics: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6628, providing a program in the field of lighter-than-air aeronautics under the U. S. Maritime Commission, agreed to conference asked by Senate, and appointed Representatives Weichel, Hand, Latham, Bland, and Hart as conferees.

Committee Resignation: Received resignation of Representative Boykin from the Committee on Public Works.

Committee Elections: Adopted H. Res. 659, electing Representative Boykin to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Adopted H. Res. 660, electing Representative Jones of Alabama to the Committee on Public Works.

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Condolence Resolution: Adopted H. Res. 661, expressing condolence on the death of Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach, and providing for immediate adjournment as a further mark of respect.

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Committee Meetings

HOMESTEADS—FARM PARITY SUPPORT

Committee on Agriculture: Met in executive session and considered H. R. 5473, to enable Secretary of Agriculture to extend financial aid to homestead entrymen, but took no action on the bill.

Also considered H. R. 6248, farm parity price-support bill, and agreed to a committee amendment, to be offered by Representative Hope, supporting until June 30, 1950, Irish white potatoes harvested before January 1, 1949, milk and its products, hogs, chickens, and eggs at 90 percent of 1948 parity.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Ordered reported to the House H. R. 6841, amending the National Housing Act. As reported, this bill will include the following titles of S. 866, the T-E-W housing bill: Title III, program of research and development by Housing and Home Finance Administration; title V, slum clearance and urban development; section VI, low-rent housing; and title VII, rural housing.

UNION RELATIONS

Committee on Education and Labor: The Buck subcommittee concluded hearings on relations between steamship companies and labor unions, and heard testimony of Commander L. H. Shackelford, officer in charge, marine inspection, and Lt. Comdr. T. F. Knoll, investigating officer, marine inspection, both of the U. S. Coast Guard, Philadelphia, Pa.

GAO AUDIT

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings investigating the GAO audit of wartime railroad freight vouchers concluded hearings on the subject by receiving testimony from the following officials of the General Accounting Office: Frank L. Yates, Assistant Comptroller General; Frank H. Weitzel and William L. Ellis, both assistants to the Comptroller General; R. F. Keller, attorney adviser; J. McDonnell, staff of Office of Administrative Planning; A. B. Thomas, Chief, Claims Division; W. J. Massie, Assistant Chief, and H. K. Wilson, special assistant, both of the Transportation Division.

AERONAUTICS—PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 4435, to redefine certain powers of the Administrator under the Civil Aeronautics Act, with amendments;

H. R. 5644, to assist States in development and maintenance of local public-health units, with amendments; and

H. R. 6860, amending the Airport Act permitting Administrator to indemnify local airports for damage done by Federal agencies.

OVERTIME CASES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 considered, but took no action on, H. R. 6534, to define and limit jurisdiction of the courts arising under certain cases of the overtime-on-overtime problem.

STAMPS—NEWSPAPERS—RETIREMENTS—AIR FORCE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 954, to permit weekly newspapers to suspend publication for not more than two issues in any one calendar year without loss of second-class-mail privileges;

H. R. 5715, extending benefits of Civil Service Retirement Act to employees who were involuntarily separated during the period from July 1, 1945, to July 1, 1947, after having rendered 25 years of service but prior to attainment of age 55;

H. R. 6411, issuance of special postage stamp for traffic safety;

H. R. 6641, amending Civil Service Retirement Act to provide annuities for certain surviving spouses of annuitants retired prior to April 1, 1948;

S. 2505, to clarify the position of Secretary of the Air Force and to authorize the Secretary of Defense to establish six additional positions in the professional and scientific service; and

S. J. Res. 158, issuance of commemorative stamps on eighty-fifth anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

O'SULLIVAN DAM—UTE INDIANS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining ordered reported to the full committee H. R.

5201, a private bill, with Representative Albert, sponsor, appearing in behalf of the measure.

Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation ordered reported to the full committee S. J. Res. 202, to change the name of Potholes Dam in Columbia Basin to O'Sullivan Dam. Representative Holmes and Mr. O'Sullivan spoke on behalf of this bill.

Subcommittee on Indian Affairs ordered reported to the full committee S. 2743, relative to claims filed by Ute Indians. Testifying on this bill were: Ernest L. Wilkinson, attorney for Ute Indians; Marion Clawson, Director, Bureau of Land Management; and Theodore H. Hass, chief counsel, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

DEFENSE AREA SCHOOL ASSISTANCE

Committee on Public Works: The Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds held hearings but took no action on H. R. 6603, to authorize \$20,000,000 for the provision of additional school facilities in areas that are still overburdened with war-incurred school enrollments or that may be seriously affected by reactivation of defense establishments or by new defense activities. Representatives Bender, Burke, and Tollefson spoke on the bill, followed by Pere Seward, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Community Facilities, FWA, and school superintendents from areas generally affected, as follows: Oscar B. Rose, Midwest City, Okla.; Carl Jenne, Kitsap County, Wash.; Walter E. Stebbins, Mad River, Ohio; George N. Bentley, Plymouth, Mich.; J. W. Eater, Rantoul, Ill.; and H. K. Baker, Osborn, Ohio. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

MOTOR CARRIERS—TAX REVISION

Committee on Rules: Reported H. Res. 657, providing 1 hour's debate on S. 1260, to create a commission to hear and determine the claims of certain motor carriers. Heard in favor of the resolution were Representatives Gwynne of Iowa, Walter, and Devitt.

Also reported H. Res. 656, waiving points of order against, barring amendments to, and providing 1 hour's debate on, H. R. 6712, to provide for revenue revision and to correct tax inequities.

Considered, but took no action on, a resolution providing consideration for H. R. 6773, to provide for an air parcel-post service. Representative Rees was heard in favor of the resolution.

HOUSING—SALARIES—PHILIPPINE VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 6439, to authorize Veterans' Administrator to study feasibility of adopting the West Virginia plan for construction and financing of low-cost housing for veterans;

H. R. 6656, to authorize Veterans' Administrator to prescribe pay rates for certain positions at field installations; and

H. R. 4073, the Philippine Veterans' Act of 1947. Only title III of this bill was ordered reported, relating to medical care and treatment of Philippine veterans, construction and equipping of hospitals, and reimbursement to the Philippine Republic of moneys expended incident to hospitalization.

Witnesses testifying on the Philippine bill were: Harry W. Colmery, former national commander, American Legion; Harry V. Hayden, representing American Legion; Representative Van Zandt; and Emmet O'Neal,

U. S. Ambassador to the Philippines.

SMALL-BUSINESS CREDITS

Small Business Committee: Subcommittee on Finance concluded hearings on its study of the availability of long-term credit for small business. The following witnesses testified: Kenton R. Cravens, former consultant to the Federal Reserve Board, St. Louis, Mo.; Frederick Gearhart, president, Gearhart & Co., New York City; George S. Eaton, executive secretary, National Tool and Die Manufacturers Association, Cleveland, Ohio; Rudolph L. Weismann, economist and author, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Horace Ford, treasurer, Research & Development Corp., Boston, Mass.; Brooke E. Furr, representing McCormick & Co., Baltimore, Md.; William J. Casey, chairman of board of editors, Research Institute of America, Inc.; Ed Willever, representing American Trucking Association, Washington, D. C.; and T. M. Blake, executive vice president, Littlefuse, Inc., Chicago,

Joint Committee Meetings

LABOR

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: Three witnesses testified before the committee in connection with its hearings on proposed specific amendments to the Labor-Management Act of 1947, as follows: Meyer Kestnbaum, Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Chicago, pointed out that Congress was obliged to impose restrictions on industry-wide bargaining whenever the paramount public interest suffers from such bargaining. James F. Lincoln, Lincoln Electric Co., Cleveland, discussed his wage-incentive plan at the Lincoln Electric Co., which has resulted in income to his employees twice that of plants using organized labor in the Cleveland area. He discussed how the plan could be adopted by industry generally. Prof. John V. Van Sickle, Wabash University, Crawfordsville, Ind., stated to the committee that industry-wide bargaining should be abolished because it is economically unsound. Hearings continue tomorrow.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION

Conferees on H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations for 1949, met in executive session to begin work on compromises over the differences between the House- and

Senate-passed versions of this bill. They meet again tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D441)

H. R. 3638, to provide statutory authority for certain appropriations for National Archives. Signed June 8, 1948 (P. L. 611);

H. R. 5965, amending the Tariff Act of 1930, relative to duties on certain beverages. Signed June 8, 1948 (P. L. 612);

H. R. 6242, continuing until June 30, 1949, the duty-free importation of scrap metals. Signed June 8, 1948

(P. L. 613); and

H. J. Res. 384, to permit foreign articles to be imported duty-free for exhibition purposes at the International Industrial Exposition, Inc., Atlantic City. Signed June 8, 1948 (P. L. 614).

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed United Nations resolution.

House passed displaced-persons bill and cleared Navy public-works bill for the President.

Various public-lands bills and investigation and printing resolutions approved by Senate groups.

Bills on veterans, Federal Trade Commission, and D. C. teachers approved by House committees.

Conferees agreed to file conference reports on several bills.

Senate

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Bills Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2852 to S. 2855; S. Con. Res. 59; and S. Res. 259.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 238, extending admiralty jurisdiction relative to martime tort claims (S. Rept. 1593);

H. R. 239, relative to consolidation of the Lighthouse

Service with the Coast Guard (S. Rept. 1594);

S. J. Res. 229, to change name of Foster Creek Dam on Columbia River to Chief Joseph Dam (S. Rept. 1595);

S. 2676, to convey parcel of land to the University of

Minnesota (S. Rept. 1596);

H. R. 2867, permitting mining locations under U. S. mining laws within the game sanctuary of the Harney National Forest (S. Rept. 1597);

H. R. 4455, to convey certain lands to Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad (S. Rept. 1598);

H. R. 5655, private bill (S. Rept. 1599);

H. R. 5036, addition of certain surplus Federal lands to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Ga. and Tenn. (S. Rept. 1600);

H. R. 6246, authorizing transfer of certain Federal lands within the Chopawamsic Park and to change the name of said park to Prince William Forest Park (S. Rept. 1601);

S. Res. 247, authorizing an additional \$5,000 for the Committee on Public Works (S. Rept. 1602)—referred

to Committee on Rules and Administration;

S. 1821, conveyance of certain land in Park County to Wyoming, with amendments (S. Rept. 1603);

H. R. 5889, extending the privileges of title VI of the Public Health Service Act to the Virgin Islands (S. Rept. 1604):

H. R. 5957, providing for establishment of the Fort Vancouver National Monument, Wash., to include a site of the old Hudson's Bay Co. stockade (S. Rept. 1605);

H. R. 6239, to provide for the suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in the U. S. (S. Rept. 1606); and

S. J. Res. 225, issuance of stamp commemorative of William Allen White, writer (S. Rept. 1607).

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California Indians: Agreed to conference report on H. R. 2878, to revise the roll of Indians of California.

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Irrigation: Senate requested conference on H. R. 5416, to promote the interests of the Fort Hall Indian irrigation project in Idaho, and appointed as conferees Senators Watkins, Dworshak, and O'Mahoney.

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Federal Highways: Senate asked for conference on H. R. 5888, to authorize Federal aid for highways, and appointed as conferees Senators Revercomb, Cooper, and Chavez.

United Nations: Senate, by 64 yeas to 4 nays, passed S. Res. 239, to achieve peace and security through UN, after rejecting by 6 yeas to 61 nays Pepper amendment to eliminate from resolution the stated U. S. objectives of development of and association with collective defense arrangements.

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Reciprocal Trade: Senate made the unfinished business H. R. 6556, extension of Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act.

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Treaty: Made public treaty on extradition between the U. S. and Union of South Africa, signed at Washington, D. C., on December 18, 1947 (Exec. K, 80th Cong., 2d sess.)—referred to Committee on Foreign Relations.

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Nominations: Received nominations of Harold H. Tittmann, Jr., Missouri, to be Ambassador to Peru, and William E. DeCourcy, Texas, to be Ambassador to Haiti, along with 97 other civilian nominations, and 65 postmasterships.

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Committee Meetings

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: In late session last night the subcommittee concluded marking up for reporting to the full committee H. R. 6705, Interior appropriations for 1949. Full committee expects to meet on this tomorrow.

FOREIGN-AID APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Continuing hearings on H. R. 6801, foreign-aid appropriations, the committee received testimony from Paul Hoffman, ECA Administrator; Secretary of State Marshall; and A. I. Henderson, ECA, on the restoration of House cuts in the amounts of estimated appropriations for the ECA.

In an afternoon session Gordon Gray and Tracy Voorhees, Assistant Secretaries of Army, and Dr. Dennis Fitzgerald, ECA, discussed the fertilizer situation in the occupied areas. Also, J. T. Sanders and Albert Goss, both of National Grange; and A. I. Henderson, ECA, discussed further the restoration of House cuts in proposed appropriations. Committee meets again tomorrow.

NAVY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: In executive session subcommittee opened hearings on H. R. 6772, Navy appropriations for 1949, with top Navy Department officials and various bureau chiefs testifying.

PUBLIC LANDS BILLS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: In executive session the committee agreed to report the following bills, with amendment: H. R. 2352, sale of interests in estates of deceased Crow Tribe Indians; and S. 1821, conveyance of certain land in Park County to Wyoming; and without amendment: H. R. 2867, permitting mining locations under U. S. mining laws within the game sanctuary of the Harney National Forest; H. R. 4455, to convey certain lands to Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad; H. R. 5889, extending the privileges of title VI of the Public Health Service Act to the Virgin Islands; H. R. 5936, addition of certain surplus Federal lands to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Ga. and Tenn.; H. R. 5957, providing for establishing of the Fort Vancouver National Monument, Wash., to include a site of the old Hudson's Bay Co. stockade; H. R. 6239, to provide for the suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in the U. S.; H. R. 6246, authorizing transfer of certain Federal lands within the Chopawamsic Park and to change the name of said park to Prince William Forest Park; S. 2676, to convey parcel of land to the University of Minnesota; and H. R. 5655 and S. 2551, private bills.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Committee, in executive session, approved for reporting to the Senate H. R. 239, relative to the consolidation of the Lighthouse Service with the Coast Guard.

ANTILYNCHING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued in executive session most of the day on proposed antilynching legislation, and agreed to vote on the committee print of such a measure on Monday, June 14.

INVESTIGATION AND PRINTING RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: In executive session the committee agreed to report the following resolutions: S. Res. 237, to authorize printing of the prayers by Senate Chaplain during Eightieth Congress; S. Res. 243, to provide funds for expenses by members of the committee attending the funeral services of the late Senator Overton; S. Res. 250, to authorize printing of S. Doc. 149 on Old Age and Survivor's Insurance; H. Con. Res. 204, to dispose of certain obsolete Government publications; S. J. Res. 226, to authorize Joint Committee on the Economic Report to issue a monthly

report entitled "Economic Indicator"; S. Res. 223, to provide \$6,000 for the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry to investigate problems related to foot-and-mouth diseases; S. Res. 236, to continue to March 1, 1949, investigation of our immigration system (under S. Res. 137), and to provide an additional \$50,000 for that purpose; S. Res. 244, to provide an additional \$25,000 for the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs for committee expenses; H. Con. Res. 129, to create a Joint Committee To Investigate Our Island Possessions in the Pacific and Trust Territories, and to provide \$50,000 for that purpose; S. Res. 241, to provide an additional

\$50,000 for the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to investigate impact on consumers and business of recent Federal court decisions relative to regulation of trade practices in interstate and foreign commerce; S. Res. 248, to provide an additional \$50,000 for the Special Committee To Study the Problems of American Small Business to continue its investigation; S. Res. 249, to provide an additional \$10,000 for the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare to continue study of the national health problems; and H. Con. Res. 201, to authorize a House and Senate delegation to attend the Empire Parliamentary Association meeting in Bermuda.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eleven public bills, H. R. 6883-6893; six private bills, H. R. 6894-6899; and eight resolutions, H. J. Res. 424 and 425, H. Con. Res. 214, and H. Res. 662-666, were introduced. Pages 7919-7920

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2505, to clarify the position of the Secretary of the Air Force and to authorize the Secretary of Defense to establish six additional positions in the professional and scientific service (H. Rept. 2306);

H. R. 6860, to amend the Federal Airport Act (H.

H. R. 6527, extending the period for providing assistance to certain school agencies still overburdened with war-incurred school enrollments (H. Rept. 2308);

H. R. 6641, to provide annuities for certain surviving spouses of annuitants retired prior to April 1, 1948, under the Civil Service Retirement Act (H. Rept. 2309);

S. J. Res. 158, to issue a stamp commemorative of the eighty-fifth anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address (H. Rept. 2310);

Disposition of executive papers (H. Rept. 2311);

H. R. 6411, to issue a special postage stamp in furtherance of national safety against traffic and other accident hazards (H. Rept. 2312);

H. R. 451, granting pensions to certain persons and their dependents of Philippine service during period

from 1902 to 1914 (H. Rept. 2313);

H. R. 4159, providing gratuitous insurance for certain persons who served in the U.S. Naval Reserve (H. Rept. 2314);

H. R. 4435, to redefine certain powers of the Adminis-

trator of Civil Aeronautics (H. Rept. 2315);

H. R. 4962, providing pensions for certain widows of Spanish-American War veterans (H. Rept. 2316);

H. R. 5464, granting a presumption of service connection for hospitalization for Spanish-American War veterans (H. Rept. 2317);

H. R. 6868, amending Public Health Service Act with respect to widows of certain deceased Coast Guard personnel (H. Rept. 2318);

Conference report on H. R. 5524, Army civil functions

appropriation bill (H. Rept. 2319);

H. R. 6501, for the development of civil transport aircraft adaptable for auxiliary military service (H. Rept.

Conference report on H. R. 5883, Agriculture Department appropriation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 2321); and

Conference report on H. R. 6430, the D. C. appropriation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 2322).

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Ocean Stations: Insisted on its amendments to S. 2122, authorizing Coast Guard to maintain and operate ocean stations, agreed to conference asked by Senate, and appointed Representatives Weichel, Hand, Latham, Bland, and Hart as conferees.

Displaced Persons: Passed, by a vote of 289 year to 91 nays, H. R. 6396, to authorize for a limited period of time the admission of displaced persons into the United States for permanent residence. Accepted sundry clarifying and perfecting amendments as well as one making eligible for admission to the United States about 2,000 Czechs who fled from their country when it fell under Russian domination, thus boosting to 202,000 the total admissions authorized. After passage of H. R. 6396, by unanimous consent, S. 2242, a Senate displacedpersons bill, was taken from the Speaker's table and passed after the House-passed version had been substituted for the provisions therein.

Disbursing: Passed S. 1747, to authorize credit in certain accounts of U.S. property and disbursing officers under the War Department.

Highway Aid: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 5888, Federal aid to highways, requested a conference with the Senate, and appointed as conferees Representatives Dondero, Cunningham, McGregor, Beall, Whittington, Elliott, and Fallon.

Private Bills: Agreed to the Senate amendments, thus clearing for Presidential action H. R. 3260 and 3500, both private bills.

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Wildlife: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 2721, maintenance of water level in upper Mississippi River for wildlife purposes, thus completing all congressional action on the bill.

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Naval Construction: Adopted conference report on S. 1675, authorizing construction and repair of certain designated naval public works, thus clearing the measure for the President.

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Hawaii: Agreed to Senate amendment to H. R. 6252, to issue land patent, for school purposes, to certain public lands in Kauai, T. H., thus clearing the bill for Presidential action.

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Irrigation: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 5416, to promote the interests of the Fort Hall Indian irrigation project in Idaho, requested a conference with the Senate, and appointed as conferees Representatives Welch, D'Ewart, Sanborn, Murdock, and Peterson.

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Price Support: Adopted H. Res. 638, providing for consideration of H. R. 6248, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to stabilize prices of agricultural commodities; to amend section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, reenacted by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, and after concluding debate, read the first section of the bill before postponing final action until Saturday.

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Committee Meetings

ALIEN FARM LABOR

Committee on Agriculture: Opened hearings on H. R. 6819, which would authorize the Secretary of Labor to recruit foreign workers in the Western Hemisphere and workers in Puerto Rico for temporary agricultural work in this country and to provide for their transportation. The following witnesses testified on behalf of the bill: Robert Goodwin, Director, U. S. Employment Service; Fred Bailey, representing the National Grange; Robert Shields, executive vice president and general counsel, United States Beet Sugar Association; and Walter Erb, Assistant Director, U. S. Employment Service, in charge of the farm program. Hearings continue tomorrow, followed by executive session.

VEHICLE PARKING—TEACHERS' SALARIES

Committee on District of Columbia: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

S. 2642, relative to leasing of property for the development of parking facilities in the District;

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H. R. 6874, amending D. C. Board of Education Salaries Act relative to fixing salaries of principals in elementary and Americanization schools;

H. R. 6878, granting increase in salary rates of teachers, school officers, and other employees of the D. C. Board

of Education; and

H. J. Res. 421, directing D. C. Commissioners to investigate parking-lot situation in the District and make report thereon.

TRADE COMMISSION—COAST GUARD

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 3871, to remove the present quasi-judicial functions from the Federal Trade Commission. Under this bill the Commission would file a complaint in the court, and the court would determine the facts; and

H. R. 6868, amending the Public Health Service Act with respect to widows of certain deceased Coast Guard

personnel.

MINING LEASES—NATIONAL PARK

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining considered, but deferred action on, H. R. 5714, to permit mining of mineral resources of public-domain lands not subject to general mining laws or Mineral Leasing Act. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Subcommittee on Public Lands held hearings on H. R. 2312, authorizing Secretary of the Interior to acquire property and facilities of Mount Rainier National Park Co., with testimony being received from C. Girard Davidson, Assistant Secretary of Interior, who discussed the matter of granting contracts to concessionaires in national parks. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PENSIONS—INSURANCE—HOSPITALIZATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

H. R. 451, to extend service pension to persons engaged in hostilities in Moro Province, including Mindanao, Samar, or Leyte, after July 4, 1902, and prior to January 1, 1914, and to their unremarried widows, child, or children;

H. R. 4159, relating to adjustment of insurance status of members of armed forces;

H. R. 4962, to provide pensions for certain widows of veterans of the Spanish-American War; and

H. R. 5464, regarding hospitalization for veterans of Spanish-American War.

Joint Committee Meetings

LABOR

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: Continuing hearings on proposed specific amendments to the Labor-Management Act of 1947, the committee heard Robert N. Denham, general counsel, and Paul M. Herzog, member of the Board, both of the NLRB, talk about the general problems of administration of the law in the light of their experience, and discuss with the committee the information developed during the hearings relative to the administration of the act by the NLRB. Peter Seitz, general counsel for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, presented the committee with documentary information on Mediation Service jurisdiction, which was made a part of the record. Hearings continue tomorrow.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees on H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations for 1949, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the bill.

ARMY CIVIL-FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees in executive session last night on H. R. 5524, Army civil-functions appropriations for 1949, reached agreement to file conference report on the bill.

COAST GUARD AND AIRSHIPS

Conferees, in executive session, on S. 1853, authorizing the Coast Guard to maintain aids to navigation; S. 2122, authorizing the Coast Guard to operate and maintain ocean weather stations; and H. R. 6628, to authorize Maritime Commission to provide for development of lighter-than-air rigid airships for commercial use, reached final agreement to file a conference report on each bill.

D. C. APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees, in executive session, on H. R. 6430, District of Columbia appropriations for 1949, reached an agreement to file a conference report on the bill.

D. C. TEACHERS' PAY

Joint Meeting: Fiscal Affairs Subcommittees of the House and Senate District of Columbia Committees held hearings on D. C. teachers' pay-increase bills (S. 2850, 2851, H. R. 6874 and 6878), receiving testimony in support of such legislation from Dr. Hobart M. Corning, Superintendent of D. C. Schools; Vernon West, Corporation Counsel; representatives of teachers' local unions; and individual teachers.

LONGSHOREMEN

Conferees, in executive session on S. 2237, to increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, reached an agreement to file a conference report on the bill. The report will be filed tomorrow.

BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Law

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D462)

H. R. 6071, providing treatment of sexual psychopaths in the District of Columbia. Signed June 9, 1948 (P. L. 615).

Saturday, June 12, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed 65 unobjected-to bills on call of the calendar, passed various resolutions on investigations, and Treasury-Post Office supplemental appropriations.

Agricultural price-support bill passed by House.

Senate Appropriations Committee voted to report Treasury-Post Office supplemental, Government corporations, and Interior appropriation bills.

Territorial school-lunch program bill approved by House committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2856 and S. 2857.

Bills Reported: Bills and resolutions were reported, as follows:

H. R. 6758, Treasury-Post Office supplemental appropriations for 1949, with amendments (S. Rept. 1608);

H. R. 6705, Interior appropriations for 1949, with amendments (S. Rept. 1609);

S. 2686, to provide for rehabilitation of Navajo and Hopi Indians, with amendments (S. Rept. 1610);

S. 2551, private bill (S. Rept. 1611);

H. R. 2352, sale of interests in estates of deceased Crow Tribe Indians, with amendments (S. Rept. 1612);

H. R. 6457, providing for disposition of lands on the Cabazon, Augustine, and Torres-Martenez Indian Reservations, with amendment (S. Rept. 1613);

S. 2706, to authorize lease of certain space in Lafayette Building in D. C. by FWA (S. Rept. 1614);

H. R. 5750, to provide for extension and improvement of post-office facilities at Los Angeles (S. Rept. 1615); and

H. R. 6481, Government corporations appropriations for 1949, with amendments (S. Rept. 1616).

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Juror Pay: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. R. 945, relative to pay of jurors in the U. S. Courts, and the bill was passed without amendment, clearing it for the President. Passage of S. 19, a similar bill, was reconsidered and the House was requested to return it.

Pages 7945-7946

Veto: Received President's veto on S. 110, to amend the ICC Act relative to agreements between interstate carriers, which was ordered to be printed as S. Doc. 169.

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Calendar Bills Passed: On call of the calendar, 65 unobjected-to bills, of which 13 were private, were passed as follows:

Without amendment and cleared for President: Probation: H. R. 2766, relative to probation system

in U.S. courts;

Saratoga Park: H. R. 5822, establishing the Sara-

toga National Historical Park;

Marine Band: H. R. 5036, authorize Marine Band attendance at 1948 national assembly of the Marine Corps League;

Oil Contracts: H. R. 4659, confirming certain oil con-

tracts negotiated by Treasury;

Railway Clerks: H. R. 5272, relating to compensa-

tion of certain railway postal clerks;

Paraplegics: H. R. 4244, to authorize assistance in acquiring specially adapted housing for paraplegic veterans;

Public Health: H. R. 4114, authorizing certain expenditures from appropriations of the Public Health

St. Elizabeths: H. R. 6289, providing for voluntary admission and treatment of mental patients at St. Elizabeths Hospital;

Public Health: H. R. 6339, amending the Public Health Service Act relating to standards of maintenance and operation for hospital receiving aid under that title;

Prosthetic Appliances: H. R. 5820, aiding in the development of improved prosthetic appliances for veterans;

VA Medical: H. R. 6234, establishment of internships

in VA's Medicine and Surgery Department;

Railroad Retirement: H. R. 6766, to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937, to increase certain annuities, and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act with respect to taxes levied thereunder;

Postal Service: H. R. 4964, preserving seniority rights of 10-point-preference eligibles changing positions within postal service;

Veterans' Village: H. R. 6188, conferring jurisdiction over Fort Des Moines Veterans' Village upon the State

of Iowa;

Admiralty: H. R. 238, extending admiralty jurisdiction relative to maritime tort claims;

Lighthouse Service: H. R. 239, relative to consolidation of the Lighthouse Service with the Coast Guard;

Military Park: H. R. 5936, addition of certain surplus Federal lands to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Ga. and Tenn.;

Public Lands: H. R. 6246, authorizing transfer of certain Federal lands within the Chopawamsic Park, and to change the name of said park to Prince William Forest Park;

Mining: H. R. 2867, permitting mining locations under U. S. mining laws within the game sanctuary of the Harney National Forest;

Railroad: H. R. 4455, to convey certain lands to Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad;

Fort Vancouver: H. R. 5957, providing for establishment of the Fort Vancouver National Monument, Wash., to include a site of the old Hudson's Bay Co. stockade;

Virgin Islands: H. R. 5889, extending the privileges of title VI of the Public Health Service Act to the Virgin Islands;

Mining Claims: H. R. 6239, to provide for the suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in the U. S.;

Stamp: H. J. Res. 411, issuance of stamp commemorative of William Allen White, writer; and

Private Bills: Nine private bills: H. R. 3114, 929, 1222, 5330, 3007, 2916, 4566, 5655, and 4298.

With amendment, to be sent back to House:

Veterans' Diseases: H. R. 3889, to amend Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), parts I and II, to establish a presumption of service connection for chronic and tropical diseases:

"Veterans' Mothers: H. R. 5508, extending benefits of Veterans' Preference Act to certain mothers of veterans;

Flood Control: H. R. 6419, authorizing construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors for navigation and flood control;

VA Center: H. R. 6716, to authorize transfer of a portion of VA center at Los Angeles to University of California;

Schools: H. R. 6028, appropriations for Bureau of Reclamation for school districts on certain projects during their construction status;

Dental Research: H. R. 6726, providing for a National Institute of Dental Research; and

Private Bill: One private bill: H. R. 4663.

Without amendment and cleared for House:

Canteen Service: S. 2772, providing that employees of Veterans' Canteen Service shall be paid from funds of the Service;

Insurance Claims: S. 2807, to authorize VA Administrator to contract for certain investigation reports in connection with insurance claims;

Canal Zone: S. 2829, to authorize Governor of Panama to acquire or construct buildings, structures, or equipments necessary for improvement of administration of the Canal or Canal Zone, and authorize him to make settlements for certain claims and administer disaster relief;

Tin Smelting: S. 2830, authorizing the RFC to continue to operate for 5 years a tin-smelting plant at Texas City, Tex.;

Philippine Rehabilitation: S. 1969, to amend the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946 relating to the training of Filipinos in public health;

Gorgas Laboratory: S. 2341, to authorize an increase of an additional \$100,000 in annual appropriations for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory;

Stamp: S. 2739, issuance of stamp commemorative of two hundredth anniversary of founding of Alexandria, Va:

Bar Association: S. Con. Res. 56, welcoming the Inter-American Bar Association to U. S. for its conference in Detroit, Mich., in May 1949;

Dam: S. J. Res. 229, to change name of Foster Creek Dam on Columbia River to Chief Joseph Dam; and

Private Bills: One private bill: S. 2217.
With amendment and cleared for House:

Alien Claims: S. 29, authorizing the Attorney General to pay claims not in excess of \$1,000 based on loss or damage to certain property desposited by alien enemies, and report claims in excess to Congress;

ICC: S. 2192, to provide for the issuance of free passes on railroads to official watch inspectors;

Military Justice: S. 2401, to provide for military justice within the Air Force;

Disabled Veterans: S. 2821, to increase compensation for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities who have dependents;

Air Carriers: S. 2460, to exempt air carriers from payments of compensation for customs employees' overtime services;

Farm Labor: S. 2767, to provide assistance in the recruitment and distribution of farm labor;

VA Installations: S. 2794, to authorize VA Administrator to prescribe the rates of pay for certain positions at field installations;

War Housing: S. 2322, providing for sale of part of a war housing project to Department of Public Safety, Florida;

Retirement: S. 2692, to terminate retirement system of Office of Comptroller of Currency and transfer same to civil-service retirement and disability fund;

Veterans' Children: S. 2825, increasing compensation to surviving children of deceased veterans whose deaths were wartime-service-connected:

Postal Service: S. 2730, to credit in certain cases, military service and training preparatory thereto performed by employees of the postal service;

Federal Buildings: S. 1955, to acquire sites in preparation for Federal buildings generally;

Land Grant: S. 2676, to convey parcel of land to the University of Minnesota; and

Private Bills: Two private bills: S. 1412 and 2359.

Pages 7922-7945

Reciprocal Trade: Senate took up H. R. 6556, extension of Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, but laid it aside until Monday in order to transact other business; it agreed to vote on passage of the bill and all amendments thereto at 5 p. m., June 14.

Pages 7943-7944

Treasury-Post Office Supplemental: Senate passed H. R. 6758, Treasury-Post Office supplemental appropriations for 1949, after agreeing to committee amendments. A conference was asked of the House, and Senators Cordon, Reed, Bridges, Saltonstall, Flanders, Tydings, McKellar, and Hayden were appointed as conferees.

Investigation and Printing Resolutions Adopted: Senate adopted the following resolutions as reported:

S. Res. 241, to provide an additional \$50,000 for the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to investigate impact on consumers and business of recent Federal court decisions relative to regulation of trade practices in interstate and foreign commerce;

S. Res. 248, to provide an additional \$50,000 for the Special Committee To Study the Problems of American Small Business to continue its investigation;

S. Res. 236, to continue to March 1, 1949, investigation of our immigration system (under S. Res. 137), and to provide an additional \$50,000 for that purpose;

S. Res. 244, to provide an additional \$25,000 for the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs for committee expenses;

S. Res. 237, to authorize printing of the prayers by Senate Chaplain during Eightieth Congress;

S. Res. 243, to provide funds for expenses by members of the committee attending the funeral services of the late Senator Overton;

S. Res. 250, to authorize printing of S. Doc. 149 on Old-Age and Survivors Insurance;

H. Con. Res. 204, to dispose of certain obsolete Government publications;

S. Res. 223, to provide \$6,000 for the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry to investigate problems related to foot-and-mouth diseases;

H. Con. Res. 129, to create a Joint Committee To Investigate Our Island Possessions in the Pacific and Trust Territories, and to provide \$50,000 for that

S. Res. 249, to provide an additional \$10,000 for the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare to continue study of the national health problems;

H. Con. Res. 201, to authorize a House and Senate delegation to attend the Empire Parliamentary Asso-

ciation meeting in Bermuda; and

S. J. Res. 226, to authorize Joint Committee on the Economic Report to issue a monthly report entitled "Economic Indicator," with an amendment.

Pages 7949-7950

Displaced Persons: Asked for a conference on S. 2242, to authorize admission of displaced persons, and appointed as conferees Senators Revercomb, Ferguson, and Kilgore.

Pages 7946–7947

Nominations: Received 115 civilian nominations.

Pages 7979-7980

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: In executive session the committee approved for reporting to the Senate, with amendments, H. R. 6705, Interior Department appropriations for 1949. As approved the bill would appropriate \$422,179,098; as it passed the House, it would appropriate \$375,692,591; thus the Senate committee proposes an increase over the House-approved figure of \$46,486,507. Of this net increase in cash appropriation recommended by the committee, \$11,343,000 is part of supplemental estimates totaling \$14,803,000 which were not before the House but which were received by the Senate after the bill passed the House. Thus, the actual increase in cash appropriations over amounts considered and allowed by the House is \$35,143,507.

The committee is recommending contract authorizations totaling \$50,455,500, as compared to contract authorizations of \$29,944,290 proposed by the House, or an increase in contract authority of \$20,511,310. Of the in-

crease of \$20,511,310 proposed in contract authority, \$15,610,000 was submitted to the Senate in a supplemental estimate and was not before the House. Thus, the actual increase in contract authority proposed by the committee over contract-authority items considered by the House is \$4,901,310. Of the \$15,610,000 contract authority included in the supplemental estimate, which the committee has approved, \$6,960,000 is for expediting road and bridge construction in Alaska and \$5,300,000 is for the purpose of accelerating the program for the rehabilitation of the Alaska Railroad from a 5-year to a 3-year program.

These appropriations are based on budget estimates

totaling \$474,773,835.

GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee on executive session approved for reporting, with amendments, H. R. 6481, Government corporations appropriations. Figures on the total amounts approved by the committee will be available on Monday.

TREASURY-POST OFFICE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee agreed to report, with amendments, H. R. 6758, Treasury-Post Office supplemental appropriations for 1949; this bill was later passed by the Senate.

FOREIGN-AID APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee, in executive session, concluded hearings on H. R. 6801, foreignaid appropriations, and stayed in late executive session on the bill in hopes of reaching a final vote on reporting.

NAVY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee concluded hearings on H. R. 6772, Navy Appropriations for 1949; these were held in closed session. The subcommittee meets on the bill on Monday to begin marking it up.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Three public bills, H. R. 6900–6902; eleven private bills, H. R. 6903–6913; and six resolutions, H. Con. Res. 215 and 216, and H. Res. 667–670, were introduced.

Pages 8030–8031

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 6451, to provide for better control of the alcoholic-beverage industry in D. C. (H. Rept. 2230, part III);

S. 2642, to amend the D. C. Motor Vehicle Parking Facility Act relative to off-street parking (H. Rept. 2323);

H. R. 6874, to amend the act fixing and regulating the salaries of teachers, school officers, and other employees of the D. C. Board of Education (H. Rept. 2324);

H. R. 6878, to authorize granting increases in the salary rates of teachers, school officers, and other employees of the D. C. Board of Education (H. Rept. 2325);

H. J. Res. 421, authorizing investigation and study of certain matters relating to parking lots in the District of Columbia (H. Rept. 2326);

H. R. 5644, development and maintenance of local

public health units (H. Rept. 2327);

H. R. 5715, to extend retirement benefits to certain employees who were involuntarily separated from July 1, 1945, to July 1, 1947, after having rendered 25 years of service, but prior to attainment of 55 years of age (H. Rept. 2328).

Conference report on S. 2237, Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act amendments

(H. Rept. 2329);

Conference report on S. 1853, to authorize the Coast Guard to establish, maintain, and operate aids to naviga-

tion (H. Rept. 2330);

Conference report on H. R. 6628, to provide for a program in the field of lighter-than-air aeronautics under the U. S. Maritime Commission (H. Rept. 2331);

Conference report on S. 2122, to authorize the Coast Guard to operate and maintain ocean stations (H. Rept.

2332);

S. 1447, to prohibit the importation of foreign wild animals and birds under conditions other than humane (H. Rept. 2333); and

H. R. 5807, amending the Hospital Survey and Construction Act (H. Rept. 2334). Pages 8027, 8030

Brewers: Passed H. R. 6808, permitting credit or refund to brewers of taxes paid on beer lost in bottling operations.

Pages 7982–7983

Conferee Change: Representative Rohrbough was appointed to replace Representative Cunningham as a conferee on H. R. 5888, Federal aid to highways.

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Price Support: Passed, by voice vote, H. R. 6248, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to stabilize prices of agriculture commodities, after accepting an amendment extending, until June 30, 1950, the 90 percent of parity support on Irish potatoes grown in 1948. Also granted same support to hogs, chickens, and eggs.

Pages 7983-8014

Presidential Veto: Received a message from the President expressing disapproval of H. R. 2131, a private bill, which he returned without his signature.

Pages 8015-8016

Army Civil Functions Appropriation: Adopted the conference report on H. R. 5524, making appropriations for civil functions administered by the Department of the Army for 1949.

Pages 8016-8025

D. C. Appropriation: Adopted the conference report on H. R. 6430, making appropriations for the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable against the revenues of the District for 1949, and sent it to the Senate after receding and concurring with further amendments to two of the amendments that were in disagreement.

Pages 8025-8027

Imported Beer: Passed H. R. 6162, making imported beer and other similar imported fermented liquors subject to internal-revenue tax on fermented liquor.

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Displaced Persons: Insisted on its amendments to S. 2242, displaced-persons admission bill; agreed to conference requested by Senate; and appointed Representatives Fellows, Graham, Boggs of Delaware, Chadwick, Celler, Chelf, and Gossett as conferees on the part of the House.

Committee Meetings

SCHOOL-LUNCH PROGRAM

Committee on Education and Labor: Met in executive session and ordered H. R. 1760 reported to the House. This measure would put Alaska and Hawaii on the same basis as the States in the apportionment of funds for the school-lunch program.

ANIMAL IMPORTATION—HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

S. 1447, requiring humane treatment of imported wild

animals and birds; and

H. R. 5807, amending the Hospital Survey and Construction Act relative to powers of Surgeon General in certain hospital construction cases.

NATIONAL PARK CONCESSIONS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Public Lands continued hearings on H. R. 2312, authorizing Secretary of the Interior to acquire property and facilities of Mount Rainier National Park Co., and heard testimony of H. H. Hass, attorney, San Francisco, Calif., representing Western Conference of National Park Concessionaires. Also received further testimony from C. Girard Davidson, Assistant Secretary of Interior, who discussed the matter of granting contracts to concessionaires in national parks. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Joint Committee Meetings

LABOR

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: Committee concluded hearings on proposed specific amendments to the Labor-Management Act of 1947, after receiving testimony on the general aspects of the current railroad labor situation from J. Carter Fort, general counsel, Association of American Railroads. He suggested that the Railway Labor Act be strengthened to prevent railroad strikes such as the one now threatening the country, and he added that the Railway Labor Act, rather than the Taft-Hartley law, should be the medium used to take care of the railroad situation.

Monday, June 14, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate overrode President's veto of social-security bill.

Senate passed trade-agreements extension and Interior appropriations bills.

House passed bills on social security, merchant marine, veterans, Air Force, stream pollution, and District of Columbia.

Senate groups reported foreign-aid and Naval appropriations bills and antilynching measure.

Rules Committee cleared selective-service bill for House debate.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2858-S. 2862.

Bills Reported: Bills and resolutions were reported, as follows:

Report from Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments on survey of space leased by the Federal Government (S. Rept. 1617);

H. R. 6000, authorizing the Secretary of Interior to issue patents for lands held under color of title (S. Rept.

1018);

S. 2764, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act relative to disposition of property of deceased aliens or of nonlocatable aliens (S. Rept. 1619);

H. R. 3190, to codify and enact into positive law title 18 of the U. S. Code entitled "Crimes and Criminal Procedure," with amendments (S. Rept. 1620);

H. R. 6772, Navy appropriations for 1949, with

amendments (S. Rept. 1621);

S. 2080, to provide for the establishment of the Philadelphia National Historical Park, with amendments (S. Rept. 1622);

H. R. 6412, codification and enactment into law of

title 3 of the U.S. Code (S. Rept. 1623);

S. 2698, to authorize transfer of horses and equipment owned by U. S. Army to New Mexico Military Institute, with amendments (S. Rept. 1624); and

S. 2860, antilynching bill (S. Rept. 1625).

Pages 8075-8076

Bills Referred: Three House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

Veto Message: Presidential veto of S. 252, private claims bill, was referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

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Empire Parliamentary Association: Pursuant to H. Con. Res. 201, President pro tempore appointed Senators Wiley, Hickenlooper, Barkley, and Thomas of

Utah to attend meeting of the Empire Parliamentary Association in Bermuda.

Page 8074

Displaced Persons: Senators Donnell and Eastland were appointed as additional conferees on S. 2242, to authorize admission of displaced persons.

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Reciprocal Trade Agreements: Senate, by vote of 70 yeas to 18 nays, passed H. R. 6556, extension of Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, after adopting the committee's reported substitute for the House-passed version of the bill, and with four committee amendments adopted from the floor. The four committee amendments adopted from the floor follow: (1) To extend the act from June 12, 1948, to June 30, 1949; (2) changing the phrase "domestic producers" to "domestic industry producing like or similar articles"; (3) enabling President to proceed with trade-agreement negotiations if the Tariff Commission has not reported within 120 days; and (4) technical perfecting amendment relating to list of items submitted by President for possible modification of duties.

Three Barkley amendments were rejected as follows: (1) To extend act until June 30, 1951—by 41 yeas to 48 nays; (2) to extend act until June 30, 1950—by 42 yeas to 47 nays; and (3) to extend act for 1 year in present form—by 43 yeas to 46 nays.

Senate requested a conference and appointed as conferees Senators Millikin, Taft, Butler, Barkley, and Connally.

Pages 8032-8074

Flood Control: A conference was asked on H. R. 6419, authorizing construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors for navigation and flood control, and Senators Revercomb, Malone, Martin, McClellan, and Holland were appointed as conferees.

Page 8081

Santa Rosa Island: Conference was requested on H. R. 3735, to convey Santa Rosa Island, Fla., to Okaloosa County, and Senators Saltonstall, Morse, and Byrd were appointed as conferees.

Page 8081

Long-Range Farm Program: Senate made S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program, the unfinished business, but laid it aside temporarily to consider other business enumerated below.

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Agriculture Appropriations: Agreed to conference report on H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations for 1949, but insisted upon its amendment No. 1, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to employ not to exceed 10 persons at salaries not in excess of \$15,000 per year, and reappointed as conferees Senators Brooks, Gurney, Reed, Bushfield, Russell, Hayden, and Tydings.

Pages 8082-8083

Bills Cleared for President: Conference reports were adopted on the following bills, clearing them for the President:

Civil Functions Appropriations: H. R. 5524, Army civil functions appropriations for 1949;

D. C. Appropriations: H. R. 6430, District of Colum-

bia appropriations for 1949; and

Longshoremen Compensation: S. 2237, to increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act. Pages 8081-8087

Interior Appropriations: Passed by voice vote, with amendments, H. R. 6705, providing appropriations for the Department of the Interior for 1949, totaling \$422,179,098. The bill was passed as reported with two exceptions: (1) a clarifying amendment relative to Big Bend National Park and (2) an amendment on tuition charges for dependents of employees of the Bureau of Reclamation on projects under construction.

Senate requested a conference, and the following Senators were appointed as conferees: Wherry, Gurney, Ball, Cordon, Hayden, O'Mahoney, and Thomas of Oklahoma.

Pages 8087, 8094–8113

Social Security: By a vote of 65 yeas to 12 nays, Senate overrode President's veto of H. J. Res. 296, maintaining the status quo of social-security coverage; thus the bill becomes law.

Pages 8087-8093

Government Corporations Appropriations: Considered at some length H. R. 6481, Government corporations appropriations bill, but did not reach a vote on any amendments.

Pages 8113-8118

Nominations: Received 363 civilian nominations and 731 appointments in the armed forces. Pages 8118-8129

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN-AID APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee, in executive session, agreed to report with amendments H. R. 6801, foreign-aid appropriations for 1949. As approved by the committee the bill would appropriate \$6,125,710,228; as passed by the House it would appropriate

\$5,980,710,228. The budget estimates on which these appropriations are based total \$6,533,710,228. These appropriations include funds for the ECA, assistance to Trieste, International Childrens' Emergency Fund, assistance to Greece and Turkey, and assistance to China for 1948 and 1949, and Government and relief in occupied areas and International Refugee Organization for 1949. Senate report, embodying all details, will be available tomorrow.

NAVY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: In executive session the committee approved for reporting to the Senate H. R. 6772, Navy appropriations for 1949, with amendment. As approved by the committee the bill would appropriate \$3,812,170,250, an increase of \$125,437,000 over the House-approved figure. As passed by the House it would appropriate \$3,686,733,250. The budget estimates on which these appropriations are based total \$3,936,738,700.

The subcommittee in closed session concluded marking up this bill for reporting to the full committee in an

early morning session.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee opened hearings on H. R. 6829, independent offices supplemental appropriations, receiving testimony from Tighe E. Woods, Housing Expediter, and his assistants in behalf of funds for the Housing Administration; Col. J. M. Johnson, Office of Defense Transportation, and assistants in behalf of funds for the ODT; and the following witnesses on funds for the War Assets Administration: Representatives Holifield and Snyder; Jess Larson, WAA Administrator; Eugene M. Zuckert, Assistant Secretary of Air Force; J. W. Follin, FWA; James L. Dougherty, RFC; and George F. Meredith, Senate Small Business Committee. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MILITARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee opened hearings, in executive session, on H. R. 6771, national military appropriations for 1949. Subcommittee met again in an evening closed session (7 p. m.) to continue its hearings on this bill.

DOUBLE-TAXATION TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee, in executive session, agreed to report to the full committee, at its meeting tomorrow, the proposed treaties on double taxation with the Netherlands and Denmark.

ANTILYNCHING, ALIEN PROPERTY, AND U. S. CODE

Committee on the Judiciary: By a vote of 10 to 3, the committee agreed to introduce and report a new bill

(S. 2860) on antilynching; the committee had been con-

sidering a revised version of S. 42.

The committee also approved for reporting, without amendment: S. 2764, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act relative to disposition of property of deceased aliens or of non-locatable aliens; H. R. 6412, codification and enactment into law of title 3 of the U. S. Code; and, with amendments, H. R. 3190, to codify and enact into positive law title 18 of the U. S. Code entitled "Crimes and Criminal Procedure."

The committee also considered H. R. 4044, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act relative to setting up a commission to study and recommend to Congress types of claims which should be charged against enemy funds, and to provide further as to use of Japanese funds as immediate compensation for period of detention of civilian internees on American sovereign soil, meeting in night session in hopes of reaching a vote on reporting it.

Committee approved the nomination of Joseph J. Hancock, of Kentucky, to be U. S. district judge of the Canal Zone, and Howard C. Gilmer, Jr., of Virginia, to be U. S. attorney for the western district of Virginia.

VETERANS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee, in executive session, agreed to report to the full committee, with amendments, S. 2790, to provide a secondary market for veterans' home loans, after receiving testimony from the following witnesses expressing their views on the legislation: Representatives Wheeler and Fletcher; H. F. Dunton, president, Veterans Organization Council; Frank W. Kelsey and P. B. King, both of the VA.

DISASTER RELIEF

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee held hearings on S. 2831, to authorize FWA to coordinate emergency activities of Federal agencies in disaster areas, and to provide emergency aid including repair, restoration, reconstruction, or replacement of public facilities in such areas, with the following witnesses testifying in support of the bill: Gen. R. C. Crawford, Army engineers; Gen. Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of FWA; James T. Nicholson, Red Cross; Walter O'Donnel, RFC; and an official of the Coast Guard. Subcommittee meets in executive session on this bill tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Five public bills, H. R. 6914–6918; four private bills, H. R. 6919–6922; and five resolutions, H. Con. Res. 217, H. J. Res. 426 and 427, and H. Res. 671 and 672, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. J. Res. 202, changing name of South Coulee Dam in the Columbia Basin project to O'Sullivan Dam (H. Rept. 2335);

S. 2286, providing for nonreimbursable allocations on the Carlsbad Federal reclamation project (H. Rept. 2336);

H. R. 5201, a private bill (H. Rept. 2337);

S. 2743, providing for the more expeditious determination of certain claims filed by Ute Indians (H. Rept. 2338);

H. Res. 671, provides for consideration of, waives points of order against, and allows 3 hours of general debate on, H. R. 6401, to provide for the common defense by increasing the strength of the armed forces (H. Rept. 2339);

H. R. 6888, to amend the National Housing Act, as amended (H. Rept. 2340);

H. Res. 577, amending rule IX of the Rules of the House of Representatives, relative to striking from the

Record the remarks of another Member (H. Rept. 2341);

Progress report of Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce on fuel investigation relative to petroleum prices and profits (H. Rept. 2342);

Disposition of executive papers (H. Rept. 2343); and Three private bills: S. 165, 1715, and 1717 (H. Repts. 2344–2346, respectively).

Bills Referred: Twenty-one Senate-passed bills, passed on Saturday, June 12, were referred to appropriate committees.

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Juror Pay: Complied with Senate request for return of S. 19, relative to pay of jurors in the U. S. Courts.

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Flood Control: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6419, authorizing construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors for navigation and flood control; requested a conference with the Senate; and appointed Representatives Dondero, Angell, Wilson, McGregor, Whittington, Larcade, and Davis of Tennessee as conferees.

Longshoremen: Adopted conference report on S. 2237, to increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

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Florida Land: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 3735, to convey Santa Rosa Island, Fla., to Okaloosa County; requested a conference with the Senate; and appointed Representatives Elston, Clason, and Sikes as conferees.

Suspension of Rules: The House suspended its rules

and passed the following nine bills:

Social Security: H. R. 6777, extending the coverage of the old-age and survivors' insurance system, to increase certain benefits payable under such system.

Veterans' Dependents: H. R. 3748, to provide additional compensation to widows, and other dependents of certain veterans. Following passage of H. R. 3748, by unanimous consent, S. 2825, a Senate veterans' dependents bill, was taken from the Speaker's table and passed after the House-passed version had been substi-

tuted for the provisions therein.

Disabled Veterans' Compensation: H. R. 5588, to provide increases of compensation for certain veterans of World War I and World War II with service-connected disabilities who have dependents. After passage of H. R. 5588, by unanimous consent, S. 2821, a Senate-passed bill increasing disabled veterans' compensation, was taken from the Speaker's table and passed after the House-passed version had been substituted for the provisions therein.

ILO Amendment: S. J. Res. 117, providing U. S. acceptance of the amendment to the constitution of the

International Labor Organization.

U. S. Air Force: H. R. 6247, to provide for the air security and defense of the United States and to establish the composition of the Air Force (amended).

Stream Pollution: S. 418, to provide for control of stream pollution after amending the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting new language for the Senate-passed version.

Mineral Land Purchase: Passed S. J. Res. 203, to ratify contract for purchase of certain mineral land from the

Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians.

Merchant Marine: H. J. Res. 412, to enlarge and strengthen the American merchant marine and to remove inequities.

Merchant Marine: H. J. Res. 413, to promote the development and maintenance of the American merchant

marine.

School Enrollments: Completed consideration of H. R. 6527, extending the period for providing assistance to certain school agencies still overburdened with warincurred school enrollments (amended), but postponed final action on the bill until tomorrow.

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Cleared for President: Agreed to Senate amendments to the following bills, thus clearing them for the President:

Treasury-Post Office Appropriation: H. R. 6758, Treasury and Post Office Departments supplemental appropriation bill for 1949.

Veterans' Diseases: H. R. 3889, to amend Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), parts I and II, to establish a presumption of service connection for chronic and tropical diseases.

VA Center: H. R. 6716, to authorize transfer of a portion of Veterans' Administration center at Los Angeles to University of California.

Dental Research: H. R. 6726, providing for a National Institute of Dental Research.

Private Bill: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 4663, a private bill.

Schools: H. R. 6028, appropriations for Bureau of Reclamation for school districts on certain projects during their construction status.

Army Retirement: H. R. 2744, retirement of Regular Army officers and equalization of retirement benefits for members of the AUS.

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Unanimous Consent: By unanimous consent the fol-

lowing bills were considered and passed:

Safety Stamp: H. R. 6411, to issue a stamp in furtherance of national safety against traffic and other accident hazards.

Francis Scott Key: S. J. Res. 84, to restore and preserve Francis Scott Key mansion and to establish such a national memorial.

Historical Park: H. R. 5053, establishing the Philadelphia National Historical Park (amended).

Teachers' Pay: H. R. 6878, granting increase in salary rates of teachers, school officers, and other employees of D. C. Board of Education (amended).

School Principals: H. R. 6874, amending D. C. Board of Education Salaries Act relative to fixing salaries of principals in elementary and Americanization schools.

D. C. Parking Lots: H. J. Res. 421, directing D. C. Commissioners to investigate parking-lot situation in District of Columbia and make report thereon.

Parking Facilities: S. 2642, relative to leasing of property for the development of parking facilities in the District of Columbia.

Land Transfer: H. R. 4462, to convey lands in Park County to the State of Wyoming (amended).

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Presidential Vetoes: Received a message from the President explaining his disapproval of H. J. Res. 296, to maintain the status quo in respect of certain employment taxes and social-security benefits pending action by Congress on extended social-security coverage, which was ordered printed as House Document No. 711.

Also received a message expressing disapproval of H. R. 1508, a private bill, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered printed as House Document No. 710.

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Agriculture Appropriation: Adopted conference report on H. R. 5883, making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture, exclusive of the Farm Credit Administration, for 1949, and sent it to the

Senate after insisting on one amendment, receding and concurring with a further amendment to one of the eight amendments in disagreement, and receding and concurring on six of the eight amendments that were in disagreement.

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Social Security: By a vote of 297 yeas to 75 nays, the House overrode the President's veto on H. J. Res. 296, to maintain the status quo in respect of certain employment taxes and social-security benefits pending action by Congress on extended social-security coverage.

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Committee Meetings

PROPAGANDA

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Michael W. Straus, Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, testified before the Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda as it resumed hearings on its investigation of charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California. Also testifying were Richard L. Boke, regional director of region 2 in California, and Clifford E. Fix, chief counsel, Bureau of Reclamation. Commissioner Straus resumed his testimony in a 3-hour night session which was recessed at 10:30 p. m., and will continue tomorrow.

PRINTING

Committee on House Administration: The Subcommittee on Printing met in executive session and considered pending resolutions on the calendar.

PUBLIC HEALTH—TRANSPORTATION INQUIRY

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Heard Representative Muhlenberg, sponsor of H. R. 6525, to establish a National Cerebral Palsy Institute within the Public Health Service; and Representative Merrow, sponsor of H. R. 6824, amending the Public Health Service Act relative to payment of prior construction costs of certain hospitals approved under the act, both of whom spoke on behalf of their bills.

Also concluded public hearings on national transportation study as it relates to national defense, with William T. Faricy, president, Association of American Railroads, testifying.

WAGE INCREASES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Instructed chairman to introduce two new pay-increase bills in the House, as follows: H. R. 6917, to provide for a \$360-a-year temporary increase for Federal and D. C. employees; and H. R. 6916, to provide for a permanent postal-workers' increase of \$450 a year. The postal pay-raise bill will combine an increase in postal rates similar to the increase in rates of first-class mail as incorporated in H. R. 3519, except for the omission of newspapers and periodicals.

LAND BILLS REPORTED

Committee on Public Lands: Reported four bills to the House as follows: S. J. Res. 202, S. 2286, H. R. 5201, and S. 2743. For titles of these bills, see "Bills Reported" under House Chamber Action in this Digest.

Also considered but took no final action on H. R. 6697, to authorize sale and grant to Los Angeles of certain interests in public lands. Will meet on this subject again tomorrow.

RIVERS AND HARBORS

Committee on Public Works: The Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors approved several resolutions for review of reports on rivers and harbors by the full committee.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Rules: Reported H. Res. 671, waiving points of order against, and providing 3 hours' debate on H. R. 6401, the selective-service bill. Representative Short was heard in opposition to the resolution, and Representative Andrews, of New York, spoke in favor of it.

In executive session, reported H. Res. 577, amending the Rules of the House of Representatives with respect to motions to strike from the Record the remarks of Members.

Also, in executive session, tabled a resolution providing for consideration of H. R. 6623, to stimulate the production and conservation of strategic and critical ores, metals, and minerals and for the establishment within the Department of the Interior of a Mine Incentive Payments Division.

Will meet again tomorrow at 1:30 p. m. to consider rules for consideration of postal and Federal workers' pay-increase bills and H. R. 6888, housing bill.

Joint Committee Meetings

PAPER BID AWARDS

Joint Committee on Printing: Committee awarded contracts on 71 lots of paper valued at \$1,806,919, comprising 84 percent coverage of the scheduled requirements of 19,840,000 pounds for the 3-month period starting July 1, 1948. This cost represents a reduction of \$169,218 based on the comparative number of pounds at current contract prices. The committee also awarded contracts for 24 lots of envelopes valued at \$50,243 for a 6-month period starting July 1, 1948. This represents a reduction of \$3,950 based on current contract prices.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D466)

S. 2277, to amend the Surplus Property Act of 1944 so as to dispose of surplus real property to States, political subdivisions, and municipalities for public parks, etc. Signed June 10, 1948 (P. L. 616);

H. R. 4236, preventing discrimination against physically handicapped persons in the civil service. Signed June 10, 1948 (P. L. 617);

H. R. 5155, to authorize joint survey of parkway along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Signed June 10, 1948

(P. L. 618);

H. R. 5283, disposal of surplus sand at Fort Story, Va.

Signed June 10, 1948 (P. L. 619);

H. R. 5816, amending the act relative to establishment of Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, N. Dak. Signed June 10, 1948 (P. L. 620);

H. J. Res. 246, authorizing stamps commemorative of one-hundredth anniversary of the poultry industry.

Signed June 10, 1948 (P. L. 621);

H. J. Res. 340, authorizing stamps commemorative of the one-hundredth anniversary of the American Turners Society in the U. S. Signed June 10, 1948 (P. L. 622);

S. 1486, to pay salaries for period of separation from Government service to persons improperly removed.

Signed June 10, 1948 (P. L. 623);

S. J. Res. 231, authorizing \$10 million for stopgap emergency housing in Columbia River flood disaster. Signed June 11, 1948 (P. L. 624);

S. 1641, to provide a permanent basis for women in the armed forces. Signed June 12, 1948 (P. L. 625);

S. 1676, Army and Air Force construction at military installations. Signed June 12, 1948 (P. L. 626);

H. R. 2359, providing for construction of water-filtration plant on West Point Military Reservation. Signed June 12, 1948 (P. L. 627);

H. R. 4721, removing statutory limitation on appropriations for repairs or alterations of naval vessels.

Signed June 12, 1948 (P. L. 628);

H. R. 4954, authorizing construction of Kennewick division of Yakima irrigation project, Washington.

Signed June 12, 1948 (P. L. 629);

H. R. 5553, to extend to July 1, 1949, duty-free entry of newsprint of 9 to 15 inches in width. Signed June 12, 1948 (P. L. 630);

H. R. 5587, adding certain lands to Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, N. Dak. Signed June

12, 1948 (P. L. 631);

H. R. 6056, construct railroad right-of-way in Richmond County, N. Y. Signed June 12, 1948 (P. L. 632);

H. R. 6078, amending the ICC Act relative to foreign-cruise travel. Signed June 12, 1948 (P. L. 633);

H. R. 6091, amending Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. Signed June 12, 1948 (P. L. 634); and

H. J. Res. 395, extending the time for release, free of estate and gift tax, of powers of appointment. Signed June 12, 1948 (P. L. 635).

Tuesday, June 15, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Navy, Government corporations, and foreign-aid appropriations bills and 10 unobjected-to bills on the call of the calendar.

House cleared reciprocal-trade agreements extension for the President and debated selective-service bill.

Bills on post offices and civil service, Alaskan shipping, D. C., UN, State Department, veterans, schools, hospitals, and double-taxation treaties were approved by Senate groups.

Bills on Federal and postal workers' pay increases and extension of Atomic Energy Commission membership term cleared for House debate by Rules Committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Nine bills and 2 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2863-S. 2871; and S. Res. 260 and S. Res. 261.

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Bills Reported: Bills and resolutions were reported, as follows:

H. R. 6801, foreign-aid appropriations for 1949 (S. Rept. 1626)—reported June 14;

S. J. Res. 223, to authorize issuance of a special stamp commemorative of three hundredth anniversary of Annapolis, Md. (S. Rept. 1627);

S. 2816, to convey certain lands to the State of Okla-

homa (S. Rept. 1628);

H. R. 4690, permitting Canadian vessels to transport certain merchandise between Hyder, Alaska, and the U. S. (S. Rept. 1629);

H. R. 5886, to amend the Nationality Act of 1940 (S. Rept. 1641);

H. R. 6454, to provide annuities for Federal investigatory personnel with 20 years of service (S. Rept. 1668);

S. 2850, to amend the act fixing salaries of teachers, school officers, and other employees of the Board of

Education of the D. C. (S. Rept. 1669);

S. 2851, authorizing a \$200 per annum temporary increase in the salaries of teachers, school officers, and other employees of the Board of Education of the D. C. (S. Rept. 1670);

H. R. 5047, granting pay increases to Metropolitan, Park, and White House Police, and members of Fire Department, with amendment (S. Rept. 1671);

H. R. 6295, increase pensions for widows and children of deceased members and retired members of Police

and Fire Departments (S. Rept. 1672);

H. R. 6452, providing reimbursement to D. C. by private enterprise requiring special police and fire assignments (S. Rept. 1673);

H. R. 6087, to regulate the practice of optometry in

the D. C., with amendments (S. Rept. 1674);

H. R. 6598, amending the act providing for insanity proceedings in the D. C. (S. Rept. 1675);

H. R. 4635, amending regulations relating to barbers

in D. C. (S. Rept. 1676);

H. J. Res. 421, directing investigation of parking-lot

situation in D. C. (S. Rept. 1678);

H. R. 6089, amending an act (P. L. 134) to correct an inequity affecting incumbent postmasters in certain post

offices (S. Rept. 1679);

- H. R. 4917, providing further benefits for World War II veterans who are Federal employees and lost opportunity for probational civil-service appointments due to military service or service-connected disabilities (S. Rept. 1680);
- H. J. Res. 327, issuing stamp commemorative of Juliette Low, founder and organizer of Girl Scouts (S. Rept. 1681);

S. J. Res. 212, to authorize UN headquarters loan agreement (S. Rept. 1682);

S. 2869, to extend terms of two additional Assistant

Secretaries of State (S. Rept. 1683);

S. 2691, to authorize transfer by WAA to International Boundary and Water Commission a portion of Fort Brown at Brownsville, Tex., without exchange of funds (S. Rept. 1684);

S. 2740, to amend Civil Service Retirement Act of 1930 relative to annuities by certain deceased persons

(S. Rept. 1685);

H. J. Res. 305, issuance of special stamps commemorative of fiftieth anniversary of Rough Riders of Spanish-

American War (S. Rept. 1686);

H. R. 6293, providing that certain fees collected by the Archivist shall be available for disbursement in the interest of the National Archives (S. Rept. 1687);

S. Res. 256, referring to Court of Claims S. 2034, private bill (S. Rept. 1700);

S. 2790, to provide a secondary market for veterans' home loans, with amendment (S. Rept. 1701);

S. 2795, to provide assistance to certain local school agencies overburdened with war- and postwar-incurred enrollment, with amendments (S. Rept. 1702);

S. 2861, to provide medical care and treatment for certain Philippine veterans, with amendment (S. Rept.

1703);

H. R. 4816, to provide a minimum allotment of \$250,000 to each State for construction of hospitals, with

amendment (S. Rept. 1704); and

Private bills: S. 1301, 1872, 1973, 2050, 2054, 2075, 2235, 2360, H. R. 1409, 4047, 4587, 1930, 2372, 2551, 2732, 2918, 3499, 4441, 333, 700, 911, 912, 2009, 2489, 2729, 3062, 4590, 371, 564, 1642, 2734, 2889, 3937, 4452, 4518, 6224, S. 2504, H. R. 6327, S. 617, 2049, H. R. 851, 1220, 1779, 1910, 2269, 2431, 2552, 3261, 3427, 4644 (S. Repts. 1630–1639, 1640, 1642–1667, 1677, 1688–1699, respectively).

Bills Referred: Three House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

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Calendar Bills Passed: On call of the calendar, 10 unobjected-to bills, of which 1 was private, were passed as follows:

Without amendment and cleared for President:

Fertilizer: H. R. 5275, to permit free entry of crude or broken limestone to be used in manufacture of fertilizer.

With amendment to be sent back to House:

Food and drugs: H. R. 4071, to amend the Food and Drug Act to authorize seizure of adulterated or misbranded products;

Judicial Code: H. R. 3214, to revise, codify, and enact into law title 28 of the U. S. Code, entitled "Judicial Code

and Judiciary."

Land conveyance: H. R. 6448, to authorize the VA to convey land in Tennessee to the city of Johnson City;

Time zone: H. R. 6318, to amend the Standard Time Act relative to placing a certain portion of the State of Idaho in the third time zone; and

Private bill: One private bill: H. R. 631.

With amendment and cleared for House:

Reclamation: S. 299, to extend reclamation laws to Arkansas;

Freedom Day: S. J. Res. 37, to proclaim February 1 as National Freedom Day;

Public lands: S. 580, relating to administrative jurisdiction of public lands in Oregon;

Virgin Islands: S. 1183, to incorporate the Virgin Is-

lands Corporation; and

Securities: S. 2636, to amend SEC Acts of 1933 and 1934 and the National Banking Act, to exempt the securities of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development from SEC requirements. (Subse-

quently, Senator Bricker entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which S. 2636 was passed, but no action was taken on the motion.)

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Oleomargarine and Antilynching: By 57 yeas to 26 nays, the Senate adopted a motion by Senator Fulbright to consider H. R. 2245, repeal of oleomargarine tax. This motion was put during the morning hour when objection was made to consideration of the bill under the call of the calendar for passage of unobjected-to bills.

Senator Langer offered S. 2860, antilynching bill, as an amendment (a rider) to H. R. 2245, but no vote was reached on the amendment or the bill, since upon conclusion of the morning hour, the Senate automatically reverted to the unfinished business, S. 2318, long-range farm program.

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Post Office Expenses: Asked for a conference on S. 2510, authorizing certain administrative expenses in Post Office Department, including pneumatic-tube systems, and appointed as conferees Senators Langer, Ecton, and O'Conor.

Bills Cleared for President: Conference reports were adopted on the following bills, clearing them for the President:

Coast Guard: S. 2122, to authorize Coast Guard to maintain and operate ocean stations;

Coast Guard: S. 1853, authorizing the Coast Guard to maintain aids to navigation; and

Airships: H. R. 6628, to authorize Maritime Commission to provide for development of lighter-than-air rigid airships for commercial use.

Pages 8291-8292

Irrigation: Adopted conference report on H. R. 5416, to promote the interests of the Fort Hall Indian irrigation project in Idaho.

Pages 8292-8293

ILO Amendment: A conference was asked on S. J. Res. 117, providing U. S. acceptance of the amendment to the constitution of the International Labor Organization, and Senators Vandenberg, Smith, and Connally were appointed as conferees.

Government Corporations Appropriations: Passed H. R. 6481, Government corporations appropriations for 1949, after adopting all committee amendments and taking the following action on amendments:

Adopted: By 45 yeas to 37 nays, committee amendment including \$4 million for construction of a steam plant by TVA at New Johnsonville, Tenn.; by 42 yeas to 33 nays, Lucas amendment to increase by \$1,360,000 the payment of annual contributions to public-housing agencies, and to strike from the bill a prohibition against payments in lieu of certain taxes; by division, Cooper amendment providing that the return by production credit corporations of Government capital to the Treasury, as set out in the bill, should instead be changed for return to the revolving fund.

Rejected, all by voice vote: Sparkman amendment to increase by \$1,650,000 the amount to be allowed FHA for administering funds under its jurisdiction; Ellender amendment to increase by \$1,000,000 the funds for purchase of capital stock of Inland Waterways Corporation; and Sparkman amendment to strike from bill a 20-percent limitation on PHA employees in higher classified grades.

A conference was asked, and Senate appointed as conferees Senators Ferguson, Reed, Wherry, McKellar, and Russell.

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Navy Appropriations: Passed, as reported, H. R. 6772, Navy appropriations for 1949, except that one amendment offered by Senator Saltonstall, chairman of subcommittee handling the bill, was adopted. This amendment, a substitute for section 112 of the bill, a committee amendment, would prohibit use of funds for payment of premiums, bonuses, cash awards, or use of stop-watch studies. The bill as passed would appropriate \$3,812,170,250. A conference was requested, and Senators Saltonstall, Bridges, Brooks, Robertson of Wyoming, Tydings, Green, and Thomas of Oklahoma were named as conferees.

Water-Pollution Control: A conference was requested of the House on S. 418, to provide for water-pollution-control activities in the U. S. Public Health Service, and Senators Revercomb, Malone, and McClellan were appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate.

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Foreign Aid Appropriations: Passed, by 60 yeas to 9 nays, H. R. 6801, foreign aid appropriations for 1949, after adopting all committee amendments; the committee amendment to appropriate the funds for a 12-month period rather than for a 15-month period, as passed by House, was adopted by 64 yeas to 15 nays. By voice vote, the Morse amendment empowering the Administrator and the Secretary of the Army to adjust export allotments of nitrogenous fertilizer by taking domestic needs into account, was adopted. As passed, the bill would appropriate \$6,125,710,228.

Senate asked for a conference, and named as conferees Senators Bridges, Gurney, Brooks, Reed, Mc-Kellar, Hayden, and Thomas of Oklahoma.

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Long-Range Farm Program: Debated S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range agricultural program, but put it aside from time to time during the day to proceed with other business mentioned above. Senate will continue on this tomorrow.

Pages 8301-8308

Confirmations: Senate confirmed 299 civilian nominations, including 6 Public Health Service and 289 post-masters.

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Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: The committee in executive session agreed informally to amendments to be proposed to S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range farm program, which is currently under consideration by the Senate.

It also agreed to report without amendment S. 2816, to convey certain lands to the State of Oklahoma, and S. 2524, private bill.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee, in executive session, concluded hearings on H. R. 6829, independent offices supplemental appropriations, after receiving testimony from David E. Lilienthal and assistants in support of funds for the AEC; Admiral W. W. Smith and assistants in support of funds for the Maritime Commission; and representatives of the flying industry on appropriations for education and flight training. Subcommittee meets on Thursday to mark up the bill for reporting to full committee.

MILITARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: In executive session the subcommittee concluded hearings on H. R. 6771, national military appropriations for 1949. Subcommittee meets in executive session tomorrow to mark up this bill for reporting to the full committee.

NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATIONS

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee met in executive session to consider S. 2842, to provide for conversion of national banking associations into and their merger or consolidation with State banks, but did not reach a vote on reporting the bill.

D. C. BILLS

Committee on the District of Columbia, in executive session, approved the following bills:

S. 2850, to amend the act fixing salaries of teachers, school officers, and other employees of the Board of Education of the D. C.; S. 2851, authorizing a \$200 per annum temporary increase in the salaries of teachers, school officers, and other employees of the Board of Education of the D. C.; H. R. 5047, granting pay increases to Metropolitan, Park, and White House Police, and members of Fire Department, with amendment; H. R. 6295, increase pensions for widows and children of deceased members and retired members of Police and Fire Departments; H. R. 6452, providing reimbursement to D. C. by private enterprise requiring special police and fire assignments; H. R. 6087, to regulate the practice of optometry in the D. C., with two

amendments; H. R. 6598, amending the act providing for insanity proceedings in the D. C.; H. R. 4635, amending regulations relating to barbers in D. C.; H. R. 6327, private bill; and H. J. Res. 421, directing investigation of parking-lot situation in D. C.

The committee tabled (in effect, killed) the following two bills: H. R. 6524, requiring persons who practice healing art in D. C. to be U. S. citizens; and H. R. 6106, relating to licensing of electricians in the D. C.

Committee also adopted a resolution recognizing cooperation of the District of Columbia press with the D. C. Committee during both sessions of the Eightieth Congress.

UN, TREATIES, STATE DEPARTMENT, AND NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: In executive session the committee took the following action:

Approved legislation to be introduced and reported (S. 2869) to extend for 1 year the terms of two additional Assistant Secretaries of State;

Approved for reporting S. J. Res. 212, to authorize UN headquarters loan agreement;

Agreed to report favorably the double-taxation treaties with Denmark and the Netherlands, as recommended by the subcommittee;

Voted to report, without amendment, S. 2691, to authorize transfer by WAA to International Boundary and Water Commission a portion of Fort Brown at Brownsville, Tex., without exchange of funds; and

Approved for reporting with certain changes in language S. Con. Res. 59, to require President to negotiate with Canada relative to construction of railroads in Alaska.

The nomination of Harold H. Tittmann, Missouri, to be Ambassador to Peru, and William E. DeCourcy, Texas, to be Ambassador to Haiti, together with 52 Foreign Service nominations, were approved favorably for reporting.

ALASKAN TRANSPORTATION AND FCC NOMINATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: The nomination of Miss Frieda B. Hennock, to be FCC Commissioner, was favorably approved by the committee, together with approximately 60 nominations in the Coast Guard and Coast and Geodetic Survey. It was also agreed to report H. R. 4690, permitting Canadian vessels to transport certain merchandise between Hyder, Alaska, and the U. S.

MONOPOLY AND BASE-POINT PRICING

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee met in executive session for organizational purposes in pursuance of S. Res. 241, to authorize \$50,000 for the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to investigate impact upon business and consumers of recent Federal court decisions relative to regulation of trade practices, including base-point pricing, in interstate and foreign commerce.

DISTRICT JUDGE NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee held hearings on the nomination of Wilson Warlick, to be district judge of the western district of North Carolina, receiving testimony in opposition to the nomination from Simm DeLapp, Republican State chairman, Lexington, N. C.; L. A. Whitener, Hickory, N. C.; and John Wilkinson, Washington, N. C.

Senators Hoey and Umstead, and Wilson Warlick testified in favor of the nomination.

The full committee approved various private bills. For details see "Bills Reported" under "Senate Chamber."

HOSPITALS, VETERANS, AND SCHOOLS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: In executive session the committee approved the following bills for reporting to the Senate, with amendments: H. R. 4816, to provide a minimum allotment of \$250,000 to each State for the construction of hospitals; S. 2790, to provide a secondary market for veterans' home loans; S. 2795, to provide assistance to certain local school agencies overburdened with war- and postwar-incurred enrollments; and S. 2861, to provide medical care and treatment for certain Philippine veterans.

Three hundred and eighty-two routine Public Health nominations were also approved.

RAILWAY LABOR ACT

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee held hearings on the operations of the Railway Labor Act, receiving testimony from the following witnesses expressing their views: Alvanley Johnston, grand chief engineer, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; D. B. Robertson, president, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen; A. J. Glover, president, Switch-

men's Union of North America; C. D. O'Brien, counsel for the three above-mentioned unions; and D. P. Loomis, Association of American Railroads.

POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE BILLS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The committee approved for reporting the following bills without amendment: S. 2677, to amend the act reclassifying employees of postal service, with respect to clerks in airmail field railway post offices; S. 2339, to prohibit the mailing of unidentified propaganda disseminated by agents of foreign principals; S. 2740, to amend Civil Service Retirement Act of 1930 relative to annuities by certain deceased persons; S. 2504, private bill; H. J. Res. 327, issuing stamp commemorative of Juliette Low, founder and organizer of Girl Scouts; H. R. 6454, to provide annuities for Federal investigatory personnel with 20 years of service; H. R. 6293, providing that certain fees collected by the Archivist shall be available for disbursement in the interest of the National Archives: H. R. 4917, providing further benefits for World War II veterans who are Federal employees and lost opportunity for probational civil-service appointments due to military service or service-connected disabilities; H. J. Res. 305, issuance of special stamps commemorative of fiftieth anniversary of Rough Riders of Spanish-American War; H. R. 6634, issuance of special stamps honoring originator of Flanders Field memorial poppy idea; and H. R. 6089, amending an act (P. L. 134) to correct an inequity affecting incumbent postmasters in certain post offices.

DISASTER RELIEF

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee met in executive session to consider S. 2831, to authorize FWA to coordinate emergency activities of Federal agencies in disaster areas, and to provide emergency aid including repair, restoration, reconstruction, or replacement of public facilities in such areas, but made no announcement of action taken.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventeen public bills, H. R. 6923-6939; twelve private bills, H. R. 6940-6951; and thirteen resolutions, H. J. Res. 428 and 429, and H. Res. 673-683, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 2217, a private bill (H. Rept. 2347);

H. R. 6935, second deficiency appropriation bill for 1948 (H. Rept. 2348);

S. 2440, a private bill (H. Rept. 2349);

Fourteenth intermediate report of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, entitled "Investigation of the State Department Voice of America Broadcasts" (H. Rept. 2350);

Fifteenth intermediate report of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, entitled "Investigation of the Public Housing Authority at San Diego and Los Angeles" (H. Rept. 2351);

H. R. 3871, providing a fair trial before an independent tribunal of cases brought under Federal Trade Com-

mission Act (H. Rept. 2352);

H. R. 6917, to provide a temporary increase in the compensation of officers and employees of the Federal Government and the D. C. municipal government (H. Rept. 2253);

S. 1639, relative to repair and rehabilitation of irrigation works damaged by flood in the Fort Sumner irriga-

tion district (H. Rept. 2354);

S. 1683, to confer jurisdiction on the State of New York with respect to offenses committed on Indian reservations in New York (H. Rept. 2355);

S. 1820, to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation (H. Rept. 2356);

H. R. 4928, to amend the Contract Settlement Act of 1944 relative to payment of fair compensation to persons contracting to deliver certain strategic minerals in cases of failure to recover reasonable costs (H. Rept. 2357);

H. R. 6916, Postal Rate Revision and Salary Act of

1948 (H. Rept. 2358);

S. Con. Res. 56, welcoming the Inter-American Bar Association to the United States for its conference in Detroit, Mich., in May 1949 (H. Rept. 2359);

Conference report on H. R. 5416, to promote the interests of the Fort Hall Indian irrigation project, Idaho

(H. Rept. 2360);

H. Res. 679, providing for the consideration of, and 1 hour of debate on H. R. 6402, to provide for extension of terms of office of the present members of the Atomic Energy Commission (H. Rept. 2361);

H. Res. 680, to provide for the consideration of, and I hour of debate on H. R. 6263, to provide a Federal charter for the Commodity Credit Corporation (H.

Rept. 2362);

H. Res. 681, to provide for the consideration of, for 1 hour of debate on, and waiving all points of order against H. R. 6916, to provide for permanent postal rates and additional compensation for postmasters and employees in the field service of the Post Office Department (H. Rept. 2363);

H. Res. 682, providing for the consideration of, general debate of 1 hour on, and waiving all points of order against H. R. 6917, to provide a temporary increase in the compensation of officers and employees of the Federal Government and of the D. C. municipal govern-

ment (H. Rept. 2364);

H. Res. 683, providing for the consideration of, r hour of general debate on, and waiving points of order against H. R. 6773, to provide for an air parcel-post service (H. Rept. 2365);

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H. Res. 595, directing the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to recommend a national fuel policy (H. Rept. 2366); and

H. Res. 495, rescinding contempt citation against

Joseph P. Kamp (H. Rept. 2367).

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School Enrollments: The House voted to suspend the rules and pass H. R. 6527, extending the period for providing assistance to certain school agencies still overburdened with war-incurred school enrollments (amended).

Pages 8328-8329

Private Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Private Calendar:

Cleared for the President: S. 1274, 1275, 1303, 1337, 1409, and 1606.

Sent to Senate without amendment: H. Res. 644, H. R. 1643, 4601, 5336, and 5596.

Sent to Senate, amended: S. 158 and 765, H. R. 3066, 4103, 4128, 4456, 4881, 5145, 5339, and 5423.

Passed over without prejudice: S. 83, 165, 1715, 1717, 1730, and H. R. 5201.

Unanimous Consent: By unanimous consent the following bills were considered and passed:

Bar association: S. Con. Res. 56, welcoming the Inter-American Bar Association to U. S. for its conference in Detroit, Mich., in May 1949.

State banks: H. R. 6570, providing for the conversion of national banking associations into, and their merger or consolidation with, State banks (amended).

Federal Credit Union: S. 2225, to transfer administration of the Federal Credit Union Act to FSA.

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Reciprocal Trade: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6556, extending for 1 year the provisions of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, thus clearing the bill for Presidential action.

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Conference Reports Adopted: Adopted conference reports on the following bills:

Ocean stations: S. 2122, authorizing the Coast Guard to maintain and operate ocean stations.

Navigation aids: S. 1853, authorizing the Coast Guard to establish, maintain, and operate aids to navigation.

Aeronautics: H. R. 6628, providing a program in the field of lighter-than-air aeronautics under U. S. Maritime Commission.

Pages 8336-8338

Interior Appropriations: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6705, providing appropriations for Department of the Interior for 1949, agreed to a conference requested by Senate, and appointed Representatives Jensen, Fenton, Stockman, Schwabe of Oklahoma, Kirwan, Norrell, and Gore as conferees.

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Selective Service: Adopted H. Res. 671, providing for 3 hours of general debate on, and waiving points of order against H. R. 6401, to provide for the common defense by increasing the strength of the armed forces, following which the House consumed all the time allotted for debate, then commenced reading the bill for amendments under the 5-minute rule. After reading the first four sections of the bill, final action on the measure was postponed until Wednesday.

Pages 8340-8398

Roosevelt National Park: Adopted H. J. Res. 427, correcting act establishing the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park (amended).

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Agriculture Appropriation: Receded and concurred with the Senate amendment on the conference report on H. R. 5883, making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture, exclusive of the Farm Credit Administration, for 1949.

Pages 8398-8399

Presidential Veto: Received Presidential veto on H. R. 6355, making appropriations for the Federal Security Agency for 1949, which also transfers the U. S. Employment Service from the Department of Labor to the Federal Security Agency. The message was ordered printed as House Document No. 714.

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Committee Meetings

VOICE OF AMERICA—PUBLIC HOUSING

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Approved its fourteenth and fifteenth intermediate reports entitled, "Investigation of the State Department Voice of America Broadcasts," and "Investigation of the Public Housing Authority at San Diego and Los Angeles," respectively.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings investigating Federal traffic activities opened its hearings on this study with testimony being received from Ray Ward, Assistant Chief, Management Improvement Branch, Bureau of the Budget; and W. E. Hayghe, Chief, Central Traffic Section, Bureau of Federal Supply, Treasury Department. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PROPAGANDA

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Continued hearings on charges of certain propaganda activities by officials of the Bureau of Reclamation in California which are being studied by the Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda. Michael W. Straus, Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, testified in a morning session and later in a 4-hour night session which adjourned at 11:30. Also testifying were the following officials of the Bureau of Reclamation: A. J. Markwell, Assistant Commissioner; Alfred R. Golzé, Acting Director, Office of Programs and Finance; and Richard L. Boke, regional director of region 2, Central Valley, Calif. Testifying for the information of the committee were Committee Investigators Simpson, Hodson, and Moody. Adjourned, pending appearance of Interior Secretary Krug, subject to mutual agreement.

PRINTING AND COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on House Administration: Ordered the following resolutions reported to the House:

S. J. Res. 226, to authorize printing publication entitled "Economic Indicators";

H. Con. Res. 199, amended to authorize printing of 6,000 copies of H. Rept. 1920, Report on the Communist Party;

H. Con. Res. 211, to authorize printing 5,000 copies of hearings on United Nations, for Foreign Affairs Committee;

H. Con. Res. 213, to authorize printing 2,500 copies of hearings held before Committee on Expenditures in Executive Departments relative to investigation of operations of U. S. Board of Parole and to advise if any procedural change is necessary;

H. Res. 617, to authorize printing additional supplements to The Strategy and Tactics of World Communism, for Foreign Affairs Committee. Amended to list subjects of studies to be printed;

H. Res. 646, to authorize printing prayers of Chaplain and Acting Chaplains of the House during Seventyninth and Eightieth Congresses;

H. Res. 654, providing \$10,000 for Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce;

H. Res. 655, to authorize printing Fifteenth Report of the Commission of Fine Arts;

H. Res. 674, providing \$10,000 for Select Committee on Commodity Exchanges;

H. Res. 675, providing \$5,000 for Joint Committee on Housing; and

H. Res. 676, providing \$5,000 for Committee on Agriculture.

Also approved expenses of contestants in election contests.

IMMIGRATION-U. S. CODE

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported favorably to the House:

S. Con. Res. 56, welcoming the Inter-American Bar Association to the United States for its conference at Detroit, Mich., in May 1949; and

Two private claims bills (Senate).

Agreed to accept report prepared by conferees on H. R. 3566, to give the Attorney General discretion with regard to suspending deportation of certain categories of aliens. Also agreed to ask House concurrence in amendments proposed by Senate to H. R. 3190 and 3214, to revise, codify, and enact into positive law titles 18 and 28 of the United States Code.

BANKRUPTCY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Bankruptcy and Reorganization considered, but took no action on, S. 826, H. R. 2412 and 5834, changing the definition of a transfer which shall be deemed a preference to creditors under the Bankruptcy Act, and modifying provisions relating to the time when such a transfer shall be considered to have been made.

LAND AND INDIAN BILLS REPORTED

Committee on Public Lands: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

- S. 1243, to pay certain funds to Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, amended;
- S. 1639, repair of irrigation works in Fort Sumner irrigation district;
- S. 1683, conferring jurisdiction on the courts of New York with respect to offenses committed on Indian reservations within State, amended;
- S. 1820, conferring jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation;
- S. 2371, validating certain conveyances to Oregon Short Line Railroad Co. and Union Pacific Railroad Co.;
- H. R. 5355, payment to Red Lake Band, Chippewa Indians, from proceeds of lumber sale on Red Lake Reservation; and
- H. R. 6697, to authorize sale and grant to Los Angeles of certain interests in public lands, amended.

NATIONAL PARK CONCESSIONS

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Public Lands continued general discussion on H. R. 2312, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property and facilities of the Mount Rainier National

Park Co., and to construct new facilities to accommodate visitors. Will meet tomorrow on the same subject.

EMERGENCY AID—FEDERAL BUILDINGS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds approved for reporting to the full committee H. R. 6855, to coordinate emergency activities of Federal agencies in disaster areas and to provide emergency aid; and S. 1955, to acquire sites in preparation for Federal buildings generally. Both bills were amended. Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, Administrator, FWA; and George H. Fields, Commissioner, Bureau of Community Facilities, FWA, offered testimony on the two bills.

RULES REPORTED

Committee on Rules: Reported resolutions providing I hour's debate on the following bills:

- H. R. 6263, Federal charter for Commodity Credit Corporation;
- H. R. 6402, extending terms of office of present members of Atomic Energy Commission; and
- H. R. 6773, to provide for an air parcel-post service. Reported resolutions providing 1 hour's debate on, waiving points of order against, and barring amendments to the following bills:
- H. R. 6916, providing permanent postal rates and additional compensation for postmasters and employees of the field service of the Post Office Department; and
- H. R. 6917, providing temporary increases in compensation for Federal employees.

Also reported the following resolutions:

- H. Res. 495, rescinding contempt citation against Joseph P. Kamp; and
- H. Res. 595, directing the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to recommend a national fuel policy.

(For resolution and House report numbers, see "Bills Reported" under House Chamber Action, in this Digest.)

HOUSING

Committee on Rules: Heard Representative Wolcott, who opposed, and Representative Spence, who favored, a resolution providing consideration for H. R. 6888, the housing bill. Hearings on the resolution will be continued tomorrow at 2:30 p. m.

COMMUNISM

Committee on Un-American Activities: Unanimously approved the committee report on communism which will be released tomorrow.

Wednesday, June 16, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses overrode Presidential veto of FSA supplemental appropriation bill.

Senate overrode veto on carrier agreements bill and worked on long-range farm program.

House continued debate on selective-service bill and passed 38 miscellaneous measures.

Senate groups voted to report numerous bills to the Senate.

Rule for House consideration of housing bill tabled by Rules Committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2872-S. 2878; S. J. Res. 232; and S. Res. 262.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 2096, acquisition of lands, Mammoth Cave National Park, Ky. (S. Rept. 1705);

H. J. Res. 427, correcting act establishing the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park (S. Rept.

S. 2339, to prohibit the mailing of unidentified propaganda disseminated by agents of foreign principals (S. Rept. 1707);

S. 2677, to amend the act reclassifying employees of postal service, with respect to clerks in air-mail field railway post offices (S. Rept. 1708);

H. R. 6162, increasing import duties on beer, with

amendment (S. Rept. 1709);

H. R. 6507, to amend the National Service Life Insurance Act to authorize renewal of level-premium term insurance for a second 5-year period (S. Rept. 1710);

H. R. 6808, to permit refund or credit to brewers for taxes paid on beer losses in bottling operations (S. Rept. 1711);

S. 2524, private bill (S. Rept. 1712);

S. 2810, to prevent retroactive checkage of payments erroneously made to certain retired officers of the Naval Reserve (S. Rept. 1713);

H. R. 6633, authorizing exchange of land and interests therein between city of San Diego and U. S., with amendments (S. Rept. 1714);

S. 2759, to provide for a post-office building at Bunker

Hill, Ill. (S. Rept. 1715);

S. 411, 1691, 1982, 2382, 2662, 2709, H. R. 2193, 4199, 4881, 6184, private bills (S. Repts. 1716-1725);

S. 2667, relative to construction of toll bridges over Delaware River, with amendments (S. Rept. 1726);

H. R. 6818, amending Social Security Act to provide

aid for the blind (S. Rept. 1727);

S. 2831, to authorize Secretary of National Defense for 1 year to coordinate emergency activities of Federal agencies in disaster areas, and to authorize \$10 million for that purpose, with amendments (S. Rept. 1728);

H. R. 1076, 1733, 2696, and 4516, private bills (S. Rept.

1729-1732);

H. R. 5040, to amend the Contract Settlement Act of 1944, relative to time for filing claims, with amendment (S. Rept. 1733);

S. 2849, to authorize VA to convey strip of land to Washington County, Ark., with amendments (S. Rept. 1734);

H. R. 6634, issuance of special stamps honoring originator of Flanders Field memorial poppy idea (S. Rept. 1735);

S. 2705, 2726, H. R. 1734 and 6428, private bills (S.

Rept. 1736-1739);

H. R. 3999, to adjudicate certain claims resulting from evacuation of certain persons of Japanese ancestry under military orders, with amendments (S. Rept. 1740);

S. 2756, to stimulate the production and conservation of strategic and critical ores, metals, and minerals in the interest of national defense and for the establishment within the Interior Department of a Mine Incentive Payments Division, with amendments (S. Rept. 1741);

H. R. 4044, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act to create a commission to study and report to Congress with respect to war claims, with an amendment

(S. Rept. 1742);

S. 2877, to provide disaster loans, especially for housing in the flooded areas in Washington and Oregon, to be financed through the Disaster Loan Corporation of the RFC (S. Rept. 1743);

S. Res. 260, increase in limitation of expenditures by Committee on Post Office and Civil Service (no written report—reported June 15); and

S. Res. 262, to increase the limit of expenditures for hearings and investigations by the Committee on the Judiciary (no written report).

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Bills Referred: Thirteen House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

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Deficiency Appropriation: Senator Hayden submitted a notice to suspend rules and propose an amendment on payment to certain contractors of claims arising from construction of Friant-Kern canal in California, to be offered to H. R. 6935, second deficiency appropriation bill for 1948.

Pages 8410-8411

Surplus Property: Adopted conference report on H. R. 2239, authorizing sale or lease to State governments of surplus property for use in training civilian components of the Army, sending it to the House for its concurrence.

Post Office: Passed S. 2759, to provide for a post-office building at Bunker Hill, Ill.

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Food and Drugs: A conference was requested on H. R. 4071, to amend the Food and Drug Act to authorize seizure of adulterated or misbranded products, and Senators Capehart, Reed, Moore, Johnson of Colorado, and McMahon were appointed as conferees.

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Veto—FSA Appropriations: By vote of 72 yeas to 17 nays, Senate overrode President's veto of H. R. 6355, Federal Security Agency supplemental appropriations for 1949, thus writing the bill into law. Pages 8435-8437

Veto—Carrier Agreements: By vote of 63 yeas to 25 nays, Senate overrode President's veto of S. 110, to amend the ICC Act relative to agreements between interstate carriers, sending the bill back to the House for its concurrence in overriding the veto.

Pages 8412-8435

Credit Union: Concurred in House amendment to S. 2225, to transfer administration of the Federal Credit Union Act to FSA, thus clearing the bill for the President.

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Flood Control: Adopted conference report on H. R. 6419, authorizing construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors for navigation and flood control, sending it to the House for its concurrence.

Pages 8437-8438

Long-Range Farm Program: Senate considered S. 2318, to provide for a coordinated long-range farm program, and took the following action on amendments: Adopted committee amendment in nature of a substitute, as modified by various perfecting amendments, offered by Senator Aiken, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry; Aiken amendment to continue CCC to June 30, 1949; Williams amendment pro-

posing that any price-support program entered into for poultry shall cover broilers; Ives amendment to include ducks and all poultry in any price-support program; Downey amendment to include in the declaration of policy, assistance in the retention of foreign outlets; Magnuson amendment providing that if nonexpended appropriations do not exceed \$300 million, CCC may, under certain conditions, carry out any operation to support price of any perishable nonbasic commodity; Brewster amendment to provide specific price support for Irish potatoes; Sparkman amendment relating to definition of "carry-over" of cotton for any marketing year; and rejected by voice vote Sparkman amendment relative to increasing parity on cotton from 70 to 90 percent under certain conditions.

Left pending at recess, Cooper amendment to provide specific price support to cooperators for tobacco crops for which marketing quotas are in effect.

Pages 8438-8454

Disaster Relief: Passed S. 2877, to provide disaster loans, especially for housing in the flooded areas in Washington and Oregon, to be financed through the Disaster Loan Corporation of the RFC. Pages 8454-8456

Private Bills: Concurred in House amendments to S. 158 and S. 765, private bills, clearing them for the President.

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Committee Meetings

MILITARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued in executive session most of the day marking up for reporting to the full committee H. R. 6771, national military appropriations for 1949.

NAVAL RESERVE AND AIR FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: In executive session the committee agreed to report without amendment S. 2810, to prevent retroactive checkage of payments erroneously made to certain retired officers of the Naval Reserve; and with amendment H. R. 6633, authorizing exchange of land between city of San Diego and U. S.

Committee voted to table (in effect, killed during this session) H. R. 6247, to provide for the air security and defense of the U. S. and to establish the composition of the Air Force.

Approximately 700 routine armed-service nominations were favorably approved for reporting.

DISASTER RELIEF

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee agreed to introduce and report S. 2877, to provide disaster loans, especially for housing in the flooded areas in Washington and Oregon, to be financed through the Disaster Loan Corporation of the RFC. Subcommittee had met in executive session earlier to draft this proposal.

SOCIAL SECURITY, SERVICE INSURANCE, BEER, COSMETICS

Committee on Finance: Committee agreed to report without amendment H. R. 6507, to amend the National Service Life Insurance Act to authorize renewal of level-premium term insurance for a second 5-year period; H. R. 6818, amending Social Security Act to provide aid for the blind; H. R. 6808, to permit refund or credit to brewers for taxes paid on beer losses in bottling operations; S. 2849, to authorize VA to convey strip of land to Washington County, Ark.; and it approved with clarifying amendment H. R. 6162, increasing import duties on beer.

Committee postponed consideration, at this time, of H. R. 6777, to extend social-security coverage to approximately 3½ million employees not now covered in 11 types of employment, including voluntary coverage to State and local government employees and employees of eleemosynary institutions, and compulsory coverage to domestic-service employees, teachers, and employees of agricultural or horticultural organizations; and of H. R. 5641, free importation of salt brine. It tabled (in effect, killed), H. R. 3825, elimination of excise taxes on cosmetics used in barber shops and beauty parlors.

The nominations of Fred S. Martin to be Assistant Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Carl H. Connell to be collector of internal revenue for sixth district of Missouri, and Paul R. Leake to be collector of customs at San Francisco were favorably approved.

VOICE OF AMERICA

Committees on Foreign Relations and Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Subcommittees of the two committees met in executive session in connection with the investigation of the Voice of America program.

STRATEGIC METALS AND NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Committee, in executive session, agreed to report with amendment S. 2756, to stimulate the production and conservation of strategic and critical ores, metals, and minerals in the interest of national defense and for the establishment within the Interior Department of a Mine Incentive Payments Division; and without amendment H. J. Res. 427, correcting act establishing the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park; and H. R. 2096, acquisition of lands, Mammoth Cave National Park, Ky.

WAR CLAIMS AND CONTRACT SETTLEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee agreed to report with amendment the following bills: H. R. 4044, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act to create a commission to study and report to Congress with respect to war claims, and provide relief for internees on American sovereign soil in certain cases; H. R. 3999, to adjudicate certain claims resulting from evacuation of certain persons of Japanese ancestry under military orders; and H. R. 5040, to amend the Contract Settlement Act of 1944, relative to time for filing claims.

Two private immigration bills, H. R. 4881 and 4199, together with several private claims bills, including H. R. 4516, 1733, 2696, and 1691, were ordered reported. Three private bills were referred to district court (H. R. 6428, 1734, and 2705).

DISASTER RELIEF, POST OFFICE, AND BRIDGES

Committee on Public Works: In executive session committee agreed to report to the Senate, with amendment, S. 2831, to authorize Secretary of National Defense for 1 year to coordinate emergency activities of Federal agencies in disaster areas, and to authorize \$10 million for that purpose; S. 2759, to provide for a post-office building at Bunker Hill, Ill.; and S. 2667, relative to construction of toll bridges over Delaware River.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventeen public bills, H. R. 6952-6968; four private bills, H. R. 6969-6972; and four resolutions, H. J. Res. 430 and 431, and H. Res. 684 and 685, were introduced.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Conference report on H. R. 2239, amending the Surplus Property Act of 1944, as amended (H. Rept. 2368);

Conference report on H. R. 3566, amending the Nationality Act relative to deportable aliens (H. Rept. 2369);

H. J. Res. 429, relating to marital deduction, for estatetax purposes, in case of insurance or annuity (H. Rept. 2370);

H. J. Res. 428, providing time extension for credit claim or refund with respect to war losses (H. Rept. 2371);

S. 2617, to include certain lands in the Carson National Forest, N. Mex. (H. Rept. 2372);

Sixteenth intermediate report of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, entitled "Investigation of the Viers Mill Housing Project" (H. Rept. 2373);

H. R. 6734, credit service performed in military forces, merchant marine, and war transfer by Post Office field employees (H. Rept. 2374);

H. R. 5355, providing per capita payments to Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians from proceeds of lum-

ber sale (H. Rept. 2375);

S. 1243, to pay certain funds to Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (H. Rept. 2376):

S. 2371, validating certain conveyances to Oregon Short Line Railroad Co. and Union Pacific Railroad Co.

(H. Rept. 2377);

S. 2341, to authorize an increase of an additional \$100,000 in annual appropriations for maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory (H. Rept. 2378);

S. 2767, to provide assistance in the recruitment and

distribution of farm labor (H. Rept. 2379);

S. J. Res. 177, authorizing President to accept national membership in the Pan American Railway Congress, appoint delegates, and authorize annual appropriations for expenses (H. Rept. 2380);

S. 1969, amending the Philippine Rehabilitation Act relating to training of Filipinos in public health (H.

Rept. 2381);

Conference report on H. R. 6419, flood-control bill

(H. Rept. 2382);

H. Res. 685, making in order motions to suspend the rules, motions for recess and consideration of reports from Committee on Rules, and waiving requirement for two-thirds vote for balance of this week (H. Rept. 2383);

Conference report on S. J. Res. 117, U. S. acceptance of ILO constitution, and authorizing appropriation

therefor (H. Rept. 2384); and

Conference report on H. R. 6772, Navy Department appropriation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 2385).

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Promotion: By unanimous consent, passed S. 2223, promotion of Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, and vacated proceedings of passage of H. R. 5596, a companion bill.

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Stream Pollution: Insisted on its amendment to S. 418, to provide for control of stream pollution; agreed to a conference requested by Senate; and appointed Representatives Dondero, Auchincloss, McGregor, Cunningham, Whittington, Pickett, and Blatnik as conferees.

Naval Appropriation: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6772, Navy Department appropriation for 1949; agreed to conference requested by Senate; and appointed Representatives Plumley, Johnson of Indiana, Ploeser, Scrivner, Engel of Michigan, Sheppard, Thomas of Texas, Hendricks, and Andrews of Alabama as conferees.

Surplus Property: Adopted conference report on H. R. 2239, amending the Surplus Property Act of 1944, as amended, and sent it to the Senate after receding and concurring with a further amendment to amendment No. 3, relative to transfer of surplus property to States being conditioned on request of Governor of State in which such property is situated.

Pages 8460-8461

Private Bill: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 631, a private bill, completing congressional action.

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Government Corporations Appropriation: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6481, making appropriations for Government corporations and independent agencies for 1949; agreed to conference requested by Senate; and appointed Representatives Ploeser, Jensen, Coudert, Clevenger, Mahon, Whitten, and Gore as conferees.

Foods, Drugs, and Cosmetics: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 4071, amending Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act relative to misbranding of articles of food and drugs, and seizure and condemnation of same; agreed to conference requested by Senate; and appointed Representatives Leonard W. Hall, Hale, Miller of Connecticut, Chapman, and Priest as conferees.

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Second Deficiency Appropriation: Passed H. R. 6935, second deficiency appropriation bill for 1948, making appropriations of \$485,065,551 available to supply general deficiencies in various branches of Government departments. The amount carried in the bill is \$113,-266,544 below the budget estimates.

Pages 8461-8473

Labor-FSA Appropriation: Overrode, by a vote of 288 yeas to 113 nays, the Presidential veto of H. R. 6355, making appropriations for the Federal Security Agency and also transferring the U. S. Employment Service from the Department of Labor to the Federal Security Agency.

Pages 8473-8475

Foreign-Aid Appropriation: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6801, foreign-aid appropriations for 1949; agreed to conference requested by Senate; and appointed Representatives Taber, Wigglesworth, Engel of Michigan, Stefan, Case of South Dakota, Keefe, Cannon, Kerr, and Mahon as conferees.

Consent Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Consent Calendar:

Cleared for the President:

Air traffic: S. 3, to provide for the training of air-traffic control-tower operators.

Agriculture: S. 1087, to amend the Department of

Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

Animal and bird imports: S. 1447, to prohibit the importation of foreign wild birds and animals under conditions other than humane.

Recreational park: S. 2251, relative to construction of recreational park at U. S. naval training center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Combatant vessels: S. 2400, in lieu of H. R. 6049, to authorize the President, in his discretion, to permit the stoppage of work on certain combatant vessels.

National defense: S. 2505, to clarify the position of Secretary of the Air Force and to authorize Secretary of Defense to establish six additional positions in the professional and scientific service.

Salaries: S. 2508, relating to salaries of certain officers and employees of United States and Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rico: S. 2675, to amend the Organic Act of Puerto Rico.

Flood control: S. 2770, in lieu of H. R. 6751, to fix rank of the assistant to the Chief of Engineers in charge of river and harbor and flood-control improvements.

Stamp: S. J. Res. 158, to issue a special stamp commemorating eighty-fifth anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Sent to the Senate without amendment-

Consular functions: H. R. 4330, authorizing the Secretary of State to perform certain consular-type functions within the United States and its Territories and possessions.

Railroad toll bridge: H. R. 4367, relative to construction and operation of a railroad toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Hidalgo, Tex.

Spanish War pensions: H. R. 4962, providing pensions for certain widows of Spanish-American War veterans.

Toll bridge: H. R. 5252, extending time for starting construction of a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Tex.

Hospitals: H. R. 5807, amending the Hospital Survey

and Construction Act.

Land conveyance: H. R. 5861, conveying certain land to the State of Oklahoma.

Retirement: H. R. 6641, to provide annuities for certain surviving spouses of annuitants retired prior to April 1 1048

Aeronautics: H. R. 6695, creating 10 professional and scientific positions in the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Land easement: H. R. 6709, to convey perpetual easement over certain land in New York City.

State Department: H. R. 6822, to continue authorization for appointment of two additional Assistant Secretaries of State.

Airports: H. R. 6860, to amend the Federal Airport Act.

Coast Guard: H. R. 6868, amending Public Health Service Act with respect to widows of certain deceased Coast Guard personnel.

Sent to Senate, amended-

Board of Visitors: S. 239, in lieu of H. R. 3657, to provide for a Board of Visitors to the U. S. Naval and Military Academies.

Military justice: S. 2401, in lieu of H. R. 5937, to provide for administration of military justice in U. S. Air Force by establishing office of Judge Advocate General.

O'Sullivan Dam: S. J. Res. 202, to change the name of South Coulee Dam in the Columbia Basin project to O'Sullivan Dam.

Forest Service: H. R. 2028, to facilitate and simplify the work of the Forest Service.

Land conveyance: H. R. 2912, to convey portion of Fort Moultrie Military Reservation to State of South Carolina.

Land conveyance: H. R. 3479, conveyance of land to the State of Louisiana.

Aeronautics: H. R. 4435, to redefine certain powers of the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Service academies: H. R. 4984, maintaining corps of cadets and regiment of midshipmen at the U. S. service academies at full strength.

Public land purchase: H. R. 5555, amend act to provide for purchase of public lands for home and other sites.

Retirement: H. R. 5715, to extend retirement benefits to certain employees who were involuntarily separated from civil service from July 1, 1945, to July 1, 1947, after having rendered 25 years of service, but prior to attainment of 55 years of age.

Domestic travel: H. R. 6136, to encourage travel in the United States.

Veterans' housing: H. R. 6439, to authorize Veterans' Administrator to study feasibility of adopting West Virginia plan for construction and financing of low-cost housing for veterans.

Naval Academy: H. R. 6698, relative to admission of Filipinos to the U. S. Naval Academy.

Fresh-water study: H. Res. 618, authorizing studies by a joint board of Army, Navy, and Reclamation engineers relative to conservation of fresh water in San Francisco Bay for national defense purposes.

Pages 8477-8498

Judicial Code and Judiciary: Agreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 3214, to revise, codify, and enact into law title 28 of the U. S. Code, entitled "Judicial Code and Judiciary," thus clearing the bill for the President.

Pages 8498-8501

ILO Amendment: Insisted on its amendments to S. J. Res. 117, providing for U. S. acceptance of the amendment to the constitution of the International Labor Organization, also authorizing an appropriation therefor; agreed to a conference requested by the Senate; and appointed Representatives Jackson of California, Maloney, and Courtney as conferees.

Selective Service: Resumed consideration of H. R. 6401, to provide for the common defense by increasing

the strength of the U. S. armed forces, and tentatively adopted amendments—

Barring registration and drafting of doctors, dentists, veterinarians, osteopaths, etc.;

Requiring President to invoke act if, after 75 days following its enactment, he finds voluntary enlistments are not sufficient; and

Limiting period of service to 12 months.

Pages 8502-8523

Presidential Veto: Heard President's veto message on S. 110, amending the Interstate Commerce Act with respect to certain agreements between carriers, and deferred action on veto until Thursday.

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Land Conveyance: Vacated passage of H. R. 2912, to convey portion of Fort Moultrie Military Reservation to State of South Carolina, on call of Consent Calendar and after accepting a clarifying amendment, passed the bill.

Pages 8524-8525

Committee Meetings

ALIEN FARM LABOR

Committee on Agriculture: Reported favorably to the House S. 2767, a bill which would authorize the Secretary of Labor to recruit foreign workers in the Western Hemisphere and workers in Puerto Rico for temporary agricultural work in this country and to provide for their transportation. The bill was amended so that the payment of the costs of administering the program would be paid out of 'the working-capital fund of \$2,500,000 authorized by the legislation.

VIERS MILL—CHICAGO PAROLES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Approved reports of subcommittee on the investigation of the Viers Mill housing project in Montgomery County, Md.; and the subcommittee investigating paroles of four Federal prisoners in Chicago, Ill. Permission was granted for a minority report to accompany the Viers Mill report.

Also considered S. 544, to amend the Subsistence Expense Act, to increase the amount of travel expenses allowed Government employees. William L. Ellis, Assistant to the Comptroller General, and Charles Stengle, legislative representative, American Federation of Government Employees, AFL, testified. No action was taken on the bill.

HEALTH-RAILWAY CONGRESS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

S. 1969, to amend the Philippine Rehabilitation Act, relating to the training of Filipinos in public health;

S. 2341, to authorize an increase of an additional \$100,000 in annual appropriations for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory;

S. J. Res. 177, authorizing the President to accept national membership in the Pan American Railway Congress, to appoint delegates, and authorizing annual appropriations for expenses; and

S. 2767, to provide assistance in recruitment and dis-

tribution of farm labor.

PETROLEUM AND STEEL EXPORTS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Postponed public hearings on investigations of petroleum and steel exports and announced that the hearings are scheduled to begin on June 29, 1948.

NATIONAL FORESTS

Committee on Public Lands: The Subcommittee on Public Lands approved S. 2617 to be reported to the full committee. This bill would extend the boundaries of Carson National Forest in New Mexico. Resumed consideration of H. R. 2312, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property and facilities of the Mount Rainier National Park Co., with C. Girard Davidson, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, offering further testimony. No action was taken on the bill and the subcommittee adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

HOUSING BILL

Committee on Rules: Tabled a resolution providing for the consideration of H. R. 6888, a bill to amend the National Housing Act. Heard in opposition to the resolution were Representatives Wolcott, Smith of Ohio, Cole of Kansas, Banta, Talle, Church, Gwinn of New York, LeFevre, and Nicholson. Heard in favor of the resolution were Representatives Patman, Monroney, Buchanan, Boggs of Louisiana, and Javits.

GOVERNMENT GRAIN PROGRAM

Select Committee Investigating Commodity Transactions: Heard Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture, who discussed the present policy of the Department as to Government-buying program in grain, as compared with the policy of the previous Secretary, Clinton P. Anderson. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Joint Committee Meetings

RIVER AND HARBOR AND FLOOD-CONTROL PROJECTS

Conferees on H. R. 6419, authorizing construction, repair, and preservation of certain projects on rivers and harbors for navigation and flood control, in late session last night reached an agreement to file a conference report on the bill.

DISPLACED PERSONS

Conferees on S. 2242, to authorize admission of displaced persons, met in executive session continuously through-

out the day on the differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of the bill. Continue tomorrow.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees on H. R. 6705, Interior appropriations for 1949, met in executive session throughout the day and evening session and agreed to file a conference report.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D475)

S. J. Res. 227, observance of two-hundredth anniversary of founding of Washington and Lee University. Signed June 14, 1948 (P. L. 636);

H. R. 669, authorizing Secretary of Navy to settle all claims against the U. S. resulting from explosions at

Port Chicago, Calif., in July 1944. Signed June 14, 1948 (P. L. 637);

H. R. 3680, amending Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. Signed June 14, 1948 (P. L. 638);

H. R. 5728, Labor-Federal Security appropriations for 1949. Signed June 14, 1948 (P. L. 639);

H. R. 5770, Treasury-Post Office appropriations for 1949. Signed June 14, 1948 (P. L. 640);

H. R. 6500, legislative appropriations for 1949. Signed June 14, 1948 (P. L. 641);

H. J. Res. 296, maintaining the status quo of social-security coverage. Over President's veto (P. L. 642); and

S. J. Res. 98, providing for membership and participation by the U. S. in the World Health Organization, and authorizing an appropriation therefor. Signed June 14, 1948 (P. L. 643).

Thursday, June 17, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed bills on long-range farm program, national military appropriations, and CAA.

House completes consideration of selective-service bill, to vote on Friday, and overrode President's veto on carrier agreements.

Senate groups approved bills on appropriations, war losses, estate taxes, veterans, and merchant marine.

New housing bill reported by House Banking and Currency Committee. Conferees agreed to file reports on Food and Drug Act, highway, DP's, water-pollution control, and veterans' bills.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 8527-8535, 8549, 8612

Bills Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2879-S. 2886; S. J. Res. 233 and 234; and S. Res. 263.

Pages 8529, 8612, 8613

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2605, private bill (S. Rept. 1744);

H. J. Res. 428, providing time extension for credit claim or refund with respect to war losses (S. Rept. 1745);

H. J. Res. 429, relating to marital deduction, for estatetax purposes, in case of insurance or annuity (S. Rept. 1746);

H. R. 4962, providing pensions for certain widows of Spanish-American War veterans (S. Rept. 1747);

Private bills: S. 1995, 2299; H. R. 915, 2395, 4103, 6186, and 1780 (S. Repts. 1748-1754);

S. J. Res. 219, to continue until December 31, 1949, authority of the Maritime Commission to provide for certain ocean transportation services with Alaska, with amendments (S. Rept. 1755);

S. 2482, to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, increasing bird-hunting stamp tax by \$1, with amendments (S. Rept. 1756);

Preliminary report of Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments dealing with U. S. relations with international organizations (S. Rept. 1757);

H. R. 6829, independent offices supplemental appropriations for 1949, with amendments (S. Rept. 1758);

H. R. 4330, authorizing the Secretary of State to perform certain consular-type functions within the U. S. (S. Rept. 1759);

H. J. Res. 297, increasing the sum to \$30,000 for statue of Commodore John Barry for presentation to Eire (S. Rept. 1760);

H. R. 4367, relative to railroad toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Hidalgo, Tex. (S. Rept. 1761);

H. R. 5252, relative to toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Tex. (S. Rept. 1762);

H. R. 6771, national military appropriations for 1949,

with amendments (S. Rept. 1763);

H. R. 6039, authorizing permanent appointment in the Regular Army of one officer in the grade of general, and to authorize the permanent appointment in the Regular Air Force of one officer in the grade of general, with amendment (S. Rept. 1764);

H. R. 6707, to amend the Officer Personnel Act of

1947, with amendment (S. Rept. 1765);

H. R. 6698, relative to admission of Filipinos to the

U. S. Naval Academy (S. Rept. 1766);

H. R. 6860, to amend the Federal Airport Act to permit Administrator to indemnify local airports for damage done by Federal agencies (no written report); and

S. Res. 263, increasing limit of expenditures by Committee on Armed Services (no written report).

Pages 8529, 8549, 8612

Bills Placed on Calendar: H. R. 6822, to continue the authorization for the appointment of two additional Assistant Secretaries of State, and H. R. 6935, second deficiency appropriations for 1949, were placed on calendar.

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Bills Referred: Twenty-three House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

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Veterans: Asked for conference on S. 2821, to increase compensation for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities who have dependents, and S. 2825, increasing compensation to surviving children of deceased veterans whose deaths were wartime-service-connected, and appointed as conferees on both bills Senators Millikin, Taft, Butler, Barkley, and Connally.

Naval Academy: Accepted House amendment to S. 239, relating to the Board of Visitors of the Naval Academy and postgraduate school, clearing the bill for the President.

Pages 8534-8535

Postmasters: Senator Lucas filed a number of executive resolutions to discharge the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service from further consideration of certain nominations to postmasterships in Illinois. These resolutions were ordered to lie on the table.

Pages 8626-8628

Navy Appropriations: Adopted conference report on H. R. 6772, Navy Department appropriations for 1949, clearing the bill for the President.

Pages 8549-8550

Santa Rosa Island: Adopted conference report on H. R. 3735, to convey Santa Rosa Island, Fla., to Okaloosa County.

Pages 8550-8551

Food and Drugs: Adopted conference report on H. R. 4071, to amend the Food and Drug Act, to authorize seizure of adulterated or misbranded products.

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Aviation: Senate passed with perfecting amendments H. R. 4435, to amend the CAA of 1938 by redefining certain powers of the Administrator; asked for a conference; and appointed Senators Brewster, Hawkes, and Johnston of South Carolina as conferees. S. 2466, a similar bill, was indefinitely postponed. Pages 8566–8567

Dam: Concurred in House amendment to S. J. Res. 202, to change the name of Potholes Dam in the Columbia Basin project to O'Sullivan Dam, clearing the bill for the President.

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ILO Amendment: Adopted conference report on S. J. Res. 117, providing for U. S. acceptance of the amendment to the constitution of the International Labor Organization.

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Long-Range Farm Program: By 79 yeas to 3 nays, Senate passed H. R. 6248, to provide for a coordinated long-range farm program, after substituting the language of S. 2318, as amended, for the House-passed version of H. R. 6248 (so-called stop-gap bill on the same subject). The Senate then asked for a conference on the bill and appointed as conferees Senators Aiken, Young, Thye, Thomas of Oklahoma, and Ellender.

Before substituting the language of S. 2318 for that of H. R. 6248, the Senate took the following action on amendments to the bill: Adopted: By 41 yeas to 40 nays, Cooper amendment to provide specific price support to cooperators for tobacco crops for which marketing quotas are in effect; by 42 yeas to 38 nays, motion to reconsider vote by which Cooper amendment was adopted and to lay that motion on the table; by voice vote, Saltonstall amendment providing that before Secretary of Agriculture exercises his powers on price support he shall hold public hearings; by voice vote, O'Mahoney amendment providing that price of wool shall be supported at such a level as to maintain annual production of 360 million pounds of shorn wool; and two Wherry amendments (1) authorizing Secretary of Agriculture to make a conservation survey of present and potential agricultural lands, and (2) requiring Secretary of Agriculture to submit to Congress preliminary land conservation and development time table.

Senate rejected, by 27 yeas to 55 nays, Russell amendment in the nature of a substitute which had been modified by the following amendments, all by voice vote: Ives and Williams amendments to include ducks and broilers, respectively, in any price-support program;

Tydings amendment to provide for parity price on Maryland tobacco; and Williams amendment limiting to June 31, 1949, the period of a price-support program on certain farm products.

Also rejected: By 23 yeas to 59 nays, Russell amendment setting out an alternative parity-price formula; by 28 yeas to 51 nays, Russell amendment providing that parity index shall take into consideration costs of all farm labor and the general level of costs during period January 1910 to December 1914; and by 29 yeas to 53 nays, Russell amendment providing that parity index shall take into consideration wages paid to farm labor.

Pages 8536, 8537-8544, 8556-8566, 8567-8578, 8581-8586, 8589-8612.

Atomic Energy Commission: The bill to extend the time of expiration date of terms of members of the AEC from August 1, 1948, to June 30, 1950 (S. 2589), was made the unfinished business; it was then laid aside until tomorrow in order that the Senate might take up and pass H. R. 6771, national military appropriations, 1949.

Pages 8614, 8628

Military Appropriations: Passed H. R. 6771, national military appropriations for 1949, after adopting all committee amendments and an amendment by Senator Fulbright to eliminate language in bill prohibiting purchases of oleomargarine by Army. Senate asked for a conference, and appointed as conferees Senators Gurney, Brooks, Reed, Ferguson, Bridges, Thomas of Oklahoma, Hayden, and Russell.

Pages 8614–8618

Nominations: Received 114 postmaster and 4 Foreign Service nominations.

Pages 8629-8630

Confirmations: Confirmed the following nominations: 526 civilians (including 52 in the Diplomatic Service, 2 in the UN, 389 in the Public Health Service, 80 postmasters) and approximately 900 armed service nominations.

Pages 8630-8633

Treaties Ratified: Ratified the following treaties: Convention between U.S. and Denmark with a reservation for avoidance of double taxation (Exec. H, 80th Cong., 2d sess.); and convention between U.S. and Netherlands with 3 reservations for avoidance of double taxation (Exec. I, 80th Cong., 2d sess.). Pages 8619-8625

Committee Meetings

INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee voted to report H. R. 6829, independent offices supplemental appropriations. As approved, the bill would appropriate \$5,854,783,851 for the AEC, VA, OTD, WAA, Maritime Commission, and Housing. As passed by the House it would appropriate \$5,795,048,931; the budget estimates on which these appropriations are based total \$6,299,809,000.

MILITARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee approved for reporting with amendment H. R. 6771, national military appropriations for 1949. As approved by the committee the bill would appropriate \$6,839,676,052; as passed by the House it would appropriate \$6,509,939,000, including \$62,250,000 in special accounts; the budget estimates on which these appropriations are based total \$7,278,842,000.

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee began hearings on H. R. 6935, second deficiency appropriations for 1948, receiving testimony from Senators Hatch on funds for Interior Department items, Morse on agricultural items, and Tydings on certain funds for the Commerce Department. Officials of the Agriculture and Commerce Departments appeared in behalf of funds for their respective Departments.

Subcommittee met in night session in hopes of concluding hearings on the bill.

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Committee met in executive session to consider activities by its subcommittees, but made no announcement of action taken.

WAR LOSSES, ESTATE TAX, AND VETERANS

Committee on Finance: Committee agreed to report without amendment H. J. Res. 428, providing time extension for credit claim or refund with respect to war losses; H. J. Res. 429, relating to marital deduction, for estate-tax purposes, in case of insurance or annuity; and H. R. 4962, providing pensions for certain widows of Spanish-American War veterans.

MERCHANT MARINE, AIRPORTS, AND HUNTING TAX

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: In executive session committee agreed to report with amendments S. J. Res. 219, to continue until December 31, 1949, authority of the Maritime Commission to provide for certain ocean transportation services with Alaska; H. J. Res. 413, to promote the development and maintenance of the American merchant marine; S. 2482, to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, increasing bird-hunting stamp tax by \$1; and without amendment, H. R. 6860, to amend the Federal Airport Act to permit Administrator to indemnify local airports for damage done by Federal agencies.

Senators Brewster and Magnuson later filed a motion to reconsider the vote by which the committee ordered reported to the Senate H. J. Res. 413.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Four public bills, H. R. 6973-6976; four private bills, H. R. 6977-6980; and four resolutions, H. Res. 686-689, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 6465, provides for construction and financing of toll bridges over Delaware River by Joint Toll Bridge Commission of Pennsylvania and New Jersey (H. Rept. 2386);

S. 2621, provides that physically able inmates of U. S. penal and correctional institutions be employed so as to avoid competition with private industry (H. Rept.

2387);

S. J. Res. 206, gives U. S. consent to boundary compact between States of Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin (H. Rept. 2388);

H. R. 6959, to amend the National Housing Act, as

amended (H. Rept. 2389);

H. R. 6958, authorizes Administrator of VA to transfer to Navy Department certain property at U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. (H. Rept. 2390);

Report of the Committee on Post Offices and Civil Service pursuant to H. Res. 176, to effect savings and reduce present annual deficit of appropriations \$375,-

000,000 (H. Rept. 2391);

S. 2692, provides for retirement system of Comptroller of Currency and transfers retirement fund to civil-service retirement and disability fund (H. Rept. 2392);

S. 2739, authorizes the issuance of a stamp to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Alexandria, Va. (H. Rept. 2393);

S. 2192, provides for issuance of free passes to agents of carriers subject to part I of Interstate Commerce Act

(H. Rept. 2394);

S. J. Res. 37, requesting President to designate February 1 as National Freedom Day, commemorating date that President Lincoln signed the joint resolution proposing the thirteenth amendment to the Constitution (H. Rept. 2395);

S. 2747, provides for amendment of Canal Zone Code to incorporate the Panama Railroad Company (H. Rept.

2396);

S. 2186, removing discrimination against yachts of foreign countries and yachts which do not belong to regularly organized yacht clubs (H. Rept. 2397);

Conference report on H. R. 6705, making appropriations for the Department of Interior for 1949 (H. Rept. 2398); and

Conference report on S. 418, to provide for control of stream pollution (H. Rept. 2399).

Pages 8714, 8715

Carrier Agreements: Overrode, by 297 yeas to 102 nays, the Presidential veto of S. 110, amending the Interstate Commerce Act with respect to certain agreements between carriers, writing the bill into law.

Pages 8633-8634

Recess Resolution: Adopted H. Res. 685, making in order motions to suspend the rules, motions for recess, and consideration of reports from Committee on Rules, and waiving requirement for two-thirds vote for balance of this week.

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Conference Reports Adopted: Adopted conference reports on the following bills:

H. R. 6772, Navy Department appropriation bill for

fiscal year 1949.

H. R. 6419, Flood Control Act of 1948.

S. J. Res. 117, providing for U. S. acceptance of the amendment to the constitution of the International Labor Organization, also authorizing an appropriation therefor.

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War Losses: Adopted H. J. Res. 428, providing an extension of time for claiming credit or refund with respect to war losses.

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Estate Taxes: Adopted H. J. Res. 429, relative to marital deduction, for estate-tax purposes, in the case of life-insurance or annuity payments.

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Disabled Veterans' Compensation: Insisted on its amendments to S. 2821, to provide increases of compensation for certain veterans of World War I and World War II with service-connected disabilities who have dependents; agreed to a conference asked by the Senate; and appointed Representatives Rogers, Kearney, Mathews, Rankin, and Allen of Louisiana. Page 8652

Veterans' Dependents: Insisted on its amendments to S. 2825, to provide additional compensation to widows and other dependents of certain veterans; agreed to a conference asked by the Senate; and appointed Representatives Rogers, Kearney, Mathews, Rankin, and Allen of Louisiana.

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Selective Service: Completed consideration on H. R. 6401, the selective-service bill, with final action being postponed until tomorrow morning. The House recessed following a request for a reading of the engrossed copy of the measure. Among the amendments adopted were the cutting of the induction provision from 2 years to 1 year; barring the drafting of doctors, dentists,

etc.; no inductions to begin until January 31, 1949, to permit manpower quotas being reached through voluntary enlistments; lowering the entrance-requirement grade for enlistment in the Regular Army from 80 to 70 percent; allowing enlistment of 18-year-olds for 1 year's active service, followed by 6 years in Reserve status; requiring equal distribution of steel to be made available to firms having contracts for products of steel required by the armed forces; and nonexaction of poll-tax requirements by inductees in order to vote for national officers, along with a number of clarifying and minor amendments.

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Committee Meetings

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Voted 15 to 11 to report H. R. 6959, the new housing bill. This measure calls for renewal of Government mortgage insurance on new houses up to 90 percent of value; priorities for veterans in buying war-built Government housing; and a revised system of figuring depreciation allowances on new apartment or multiple-dwelling construction. No public-housing sections are contained in the legislation.

INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met with Secretary of State George C. Marshall in an executive session, and discussed the international situation.

PRINTING AND COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on House Administration: Ordered the following resolutions reported to the House:

H. Res. 585, authorizing the printing of report of Federal Power Commission on the natural-gas investigation, amended:

H. Res. 600, providing \$20,000 for the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, amended;

H. Res. 672, providing \$20,000 for conducting studies carried on by Committee on Public Works to investigate questionable trade practices, amended;

H. Res. 678, authorizing the printing of the volume entitled "The Democratic Way and the Totalitarian Way" as a House document, amended;

H. Res. 684, authorizing the printing of additional copies of final majority report (pt. II) of the Joint Committee on Housing entitled, "Statistics of Housing";

H. Res. 686, providing \$15,000 for the Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings; and

A resolution dismissing the election contest of Granger against Wilson, First Congressional District of Utah, as lacking in merit.

MILITARY DISCIPLINE—STATE COMPACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported favorably to the House:

- S. 2621, authorizing the extension of the functions and duties of Federal Prison Industries, Inc., to military disciplinary barracks;
- S. J. Res. 206, consenting to an interstate boundary compact by and between the States of Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin; and
- S. J. Res. 37, requesting the President to proclaim February 1 as National Freedom Day.

FUND TRANSFER—FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Ordered the following reported to the House:

- S. 2692, terminating the retirement system of the Office of the Comptroller of Currency, and transferring such retirement fund to the civil service retirement and disability fund;
- S. 2739, issuance of a stamp commemorative of the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Alexandria, Va.; and

A report outlining the relation between Federal employment and the functions and activities in the executive branch which have been put into operation since 1940.

TOLL BRIDGE

Committee on Public Works: Ordered H. R. 6465 reported to the House. This bill deals with the construction and financing of toll bridges over the Delaware River by the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Also approved 10 navigation and 10 flood-control review resolutions.

AIR CARRIERS, OVERTIME

Committee on Ways and Means: Considered but took no action on S. 2460, to exempt air carriers from payments of compensation for customs employees' overtime services. Also held discussion on the general program of the committee. Will meet again tomorrow.

EUROPEAN RELIEF AND SMALL BUSINESS

Select Committee on Small Business: Met with Paul Hoffman, ECA Administrator, and discussed a program wherein small business in this country could play an important part in the development of the European relief program. It was decided that the ECA, the State Department, and the Congress had little liaison with small business, and that a representative between the three Government agencies would be created, appointment to be recommended by the Senate and House Small Business Committees; and publication of a monthly or, if need be, a semimonthly bulletin informing small-business men of the rules, needs, and requirements of the ECA, would begin in the near future.

Later, the committee met with officials of the OIT and discussed ways and means to better expedite the freight

needs of small-business men and exporters. Suggestions and changes from present weight allowances for needy persons, etc., were recommended.

Joint Committee Meetings

FOOD AND DRUGS

Conferees on H. R. 4071, to amend the Food and Drug Act to authorize seizure of adulterated or misbranded products, agreed to file a conference report on the bill. As agreed upon by the conferees, it is proposed that the Senate recede from its amendment (relative to showing gross negligence or willful neglect). In effect, it is proposed that both Houses accept the bill in the form as passed by the House.

FEDERAL AID TO HIGHWAYS

Conferees on H. R. 5888, Federal aid to highways, met but failed to reach final agreement. They meet again tomorrow.

DISPLACED PERSONS

Conferees on S. 2242, to authorize admission of displaced persons, reached final agreement and voted to file its conference report.

FOREIGN-AID APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees on H. R. 6801, foreign-aid appropriations for 1949, began their work on ironing out the differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of the bill. They continue tomorrow.

GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS

Conferees on H. R. 6481, Government Corporations appropriations for 1949, met but failed to reach final agreement. They continue tomorrow.

WATER-POLLUTION CONTROL

Conferees on S. 418, to provide for water-pollution-control activities in the U. S. Public Health Service, reached an accord over the differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of the bill, and agreed to file its conference report.

VETERANS

Conferees on S. 2821, to increase compensation for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities who have dependents, agreed to file a conference report. As approved by the conferees the bill would provide for 70 percent of the House rates, and Senate accepted the House provision providing 80 percent of wartime rates for peacetime veterans.

Conferees on S. 2825, increasing compensation to surviving children of deceased veterans whose deaths were wartime service connected, also agreed to file a conference report. As agreed upon, the bill would provide a rate for widows without children at \$75; with one child \$100; and \$15 for each additional child. In the case of no widow but one child, it agreed on a rate of \$58; with two children \$82; three children \$106; and \$20 for each additional child. In the case of a dependent mother or father, they agreed on the rate of \$60; in the case of mother and father on the rate of \$35 for each. The House agreed to accept Senate amendments providing for 80 percent of wartime compensation for widows and dependents of peacetime veterans; House receded from its section providing income limitation for parents. Conferees agreed to urge the VA to amend its present formula since it did not meet present economic conditions.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed 147 unobjected-to measures on call of the calendar, together with independent offices appropriations bill, and disposed of various conference reports.

House passed selective-service and housing bills and adopted conference report on displaced-persons admissions.

Bills to maintain tin-smelting plant and provide disaster loans in flooded Northwest approved by House committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 8762-8765, 8818-8819

Bills Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2887-S. 2894; S. J. Res. 235; and S. Res. 264.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 6695, to authorize the creation of 10 professional and scientific positions in the headquarters and research stations of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, with amendment (S. Rept. 1767);

S. Con. Res. 59, to require President to negotiate with Canada relative to construction of railroads in Alaska, with amendment (S. Rept. 1768);

H. R. 6935, second deficiency appropriations for 1948,

with amendments (S. Rept. 1769); and

S. Res. 264, to extend time for investigation of the appointment of certain postmasters (no written report).

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Presidential Message: Received message from President submitting third quarterly report on assistance to Greece and Turkey.

Calendar Bills Passed: On call of the calendar, 147 unobjected-to bills, of which 80 were private, were passed as follows:

Without amendment and cleared for President:

Alcohol plants: H. R. 6096, making available Government-owned alcohol plants at Muscatine, Iowa, Kansas City, Mo., and Omaha, Nebr., for making of products from agricultural commodities;

Post office: H. R. 5750, to provide for extension and improvement of post-office facilities at Los Angeles;

Land patents: H. R. 6000, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents for lands held under color of title;

National park: H. R. 5053, to provide for the establishment of the Philadelphia National Historical Park;

Code: H. R. 6412, codification and enactment into law of title 3 of the U. S. Code;

Public land: H. R. 4462, conveyance of certain land in Park County to Wyoming;

Public land: H. R. 5861, to convey certain lands to the State of Oklahoma;

Canadian vessels: H. R. 4690, permitting Canadian vessels to transport certain merchandise between Hyder, Alaska, and the U.S.;

Nationality: H. R. 5886, to amend the Nationality Act of 1940 relative to petition for citizenship;

Policemen and firemen: H. R. 6295, increase pensions for widows and children of deceased members and retired members of D. C. Police and Fire Departments (Senator Cain entered a motion to reconsider action by which this bill was passed);

Police and fire protection: H. R. 6452, providing reimbursement to D. C. by private enterprise requiring

special police and fire assignments;

Insanity: H. R. 6598, amending the act providing for

insanity proceedings in the D. C.;

Barbers: H. R. 4635, amending regulations relating to barbers in D. C.;

Retirement: H. R. 6454, to provide annuities for Federal investigatory personnel with 20 years of service;

Parking lots: H. J. Res. 421, directing investigation of

parking-lot situation in D. C.;

Postmasters: H. R. 6089, amending an act (P. L. 134) to correct an inequity affecting incumbent postmasters in certain post offices;

Veterans: H. R. 4917, providing further benefits for World War II veterans who are Federal employees and lost opportunity for probational civil-service appointments due to military service or service-connected disabilities;

Secretaries of State: H. R. 6822, to extend for I year the terms of two additional Assistant Secretaries of

Archives: H. R. 6293, providing that certain fees collected by the Archivist shall be available for disbursement in the interest of the National Archives;

Life insurance: H. R. 6507, to amend the National Service Life Insurance Act to authorize renewal of levelpremium term insurance for a second 5-year period;

National park: H. J. Res. 427, correcting act establishing the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park;

Blind: H. R. 6818, amending Social Security Act to provide aid for the blind;

Stamp: H. R. 6634, issuance of special stamps honoring originator of Flanders Field memorial poppy idea;

Airport: H. R. 6860, to amend the Federal Airport Act to permit Administrator to indemnify local airports for damage done by Federal agencies;

Veterans' widows: H. R. 4962, providing pensions for certain widows of Spanish-American War veterans;

Estate tax: H. J. Res. 429, relating to marital deduction, for estate-tax purposes, in case of insurance or annuity;

War losses: H. J. Res. 428, providing time extension for credit claim or refund with respect to war losses;

Statue: H. J. Res. 297, increasing the sum to \$30,000 for statue of Commodore John Barry for presentation to Eire;

Toll bridge: H. R. 5252, relative to toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Tex.;

Consuls: H. R. 4330, authorizing the Secretary of State to perform certain consular-type functions within the U.S.;

Toll bridge: H. R. 4367, relative to railroad toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Hidalgo, Tex.;

Naval Academy: H. R. 6698, relative to admission of Filipinos to the U.S. Naval Academy; and

Private bills: Fifty-one private bills: H. R. 1490, 1409, 4587, 4047, 2551, 1930, 2732, 2918, 2372, 3499, 4441, 700, 3062, 912, 911, 333, 4590, 2489, 4452, 2734, 371, 1642, 4518, 564, 2889, 3937, 6224, 2552, 1910, 2431, 3427, 851, 3261, 2269, 4644, 1220, 1779, 4199, 2193, 6184, 4881, 4516, 1733, 2696, 1076, 915, 6186, 4103, 2395, 1780, and 6327.

With amendment, to be sent back to House:

Surplus property: H. R. 5882, to authorize the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force to donate surplus property for educational purposes;

Housing: H. R. 5710, providing for the disposal of temporary housing (conference was asked and Senators Cain, Buck, and Fulbright were appointed as conferees);

Claims: H. R. 6116, relative to statute of limitations on claims filed pursuant to Trading With the Enemy Act in cases involving property vested in World War II;

Public land: H. R. 5734, conveyance of certain land in Wyoming;

Crow Indians: H. R. 2352, sale of interests in estates of deceased Crow Tribe Indians;

Code: H. R. 3190, to codify and enact into positive law title 18 of the U. S. Code entitled "Crimes and Criminal Procedure";

Retirement: H. R. 6641, to provide annuities for certain surviving spouses of annuitants retired prior to April 1, 1948;

School assistance: H. R. 6527, extending the period for providing assistance to certain school agencies still overburdened with war-incurred school enrollments;

Hospitals: H. R. 4816, to provide a minimum allotment of \$250,000 to each State for construction of hospitals;

National park: H. R. 2096, acquisition of lands, Mammoth Cave National Park, Ky.;

Brewers: H. R. 6808, to permit refund or credit to brewers for taxes paid on beer losses in bottling operations;

Beer: H. R. 6162, increasing import duties on beer;

Land exchange: H. R. 6633, authorizing exchange of land and interests therein between city of San Diego and U. S.;

Japanese: H. R. 3999, to adjudicate certain claims resulting from evacuation of certain persons of Japanese ancestry under military orders;

War claims: H. R. 4044, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act to create a commission to study and report to Congress with respect to war claims;

Army—Air Force: H. R. 6039, authorizing permanent appointment in the Regular Army of one officer in the grade of general, and to authorize the permanent appointment in the Regular Air Force of one officer in the grade of general;

Officer personnel: H. R. 6707, to amend the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 with regard to retirement; and

Private bills: Four private bills: H. R. 2009, 6428, 1734, and 2729.

Without amendment and cleared for House:

Indians: S. 543, conferring jurisdiction on North Dakota and South Dakota over offenses committed by or against Standing Rock Indians;

Building space: S. 2706, to authorize lease of certain space in Lafayette Building in D. C. by FWA;

Stamp: S. J. Res. 223, to authorize issuance of a special stamp commemorative of three-hundredth anniversary of Annapolis, Md.;

Fort Brown: S. 2691, to authorize transfer by WAA to International Boundary and Water Commission a

portion of Fort Brown at Brownsville, Tex., without exchange of funds;

Propaganda: S. 2339, to prohibit the mailing of unidentified propaganda disseminated by agents of foreign principals;

Postal clerks: S. 2677, to amend the act reclassifying employees of postal service, with respect to clerks in air-mail field railway post offices;

D. C. teachers: S. 2850, to amend the act fixing salaries of teachers, school officers, and other employees of the Board of Education of the D. C.;

Naval Reserve: S. 2810, to prevent retroactive checkage of payments erroneously made to certain retired officers of the Naval Reserve; and

Private bills: Sixteen private bills: S. 2050, 1872, 2054, 2360, 2075, 2235, 617, 2524, 2662, 2382, 411, 1995, 2605, 2504, 2299, and S. Res. 256.

With amendment and cleared for House:

Alien property: S. 2764, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act relative to disposition of property of deceased aliens or of nonlocatable aliens;

Horses: S. 2698, to authorize transfer of horses and equipment owned by U. S. Army to New Mexico Military Institute;

UN loan: S. J. Res. 212, to authorize UN headquarters loan agreement;

Philippines: S. 2861, to provide medical care and treatment for certain Philippine veterans;

Veterans' loans: S. 2790, to provide a secondary market for veterans' home loans;

Indians: S. 2686, to provide for rehabilitation of Navajo and Hopi Indians;

Toll bridges: S. 2667, relative to construction of toll bridges over Delaware River;

Disaster relief: S. 2831, to authorize Secretary of National Defense for 1 year to coordinate emergency activities of Federal agencies in disaster areas, and to authorize \$10 million for that purpose;

Land grant: S. 2849, to authorize VA to convey strip of land to Washington County, Ark.;

Hunting stamp: S. 2482, to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, increasing bird-hunting stamp tax by \$1; and

Private bills: Nine private bills: S. 2551, 1301, 1973, 2049, 1691, 2709, 1982, 2726, and 2705. Pages 8716-8761

Private Bill: Adopted conference report on H. R. 2192, private bill.

Selective Service: Senator Gurney moved that Senate agree to conference asked by House on S. 2655, Selective Service Act of 1948, and appoint as conferees Senators Gurney, Saltonstall, Morse, Tydings, and Byrd. This remained the pending motion at 2 a. m., June 19.

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Aliens: Adopted conference report on H. R. 3566, to amend Immigration Act relative to deportation of deportable aliens.

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Independent Offices Appropriations: Passed, with amendment, H. R. 6829, independent offices supplemental appropriations, after taking the following action: Adopted: By 61 yeas to 19 nays, committee amendment with an amendment providing \$6,943,000 for maritime training of which \$75,000 shall be for repairs to maritime school at Pass Christian, Miss.; all of the other committee amendments by voice vote; by voice vote, Green amendment to committee amendment requiring certificate under oath from veteran when he selects aviation education under Servicemen's Readjustment Act; by voice vote, Barkley amendment to provide \$450,000 for REA; and Ferguson amendment providing for conversion by Maritime Commission of C-4 vessels.

By voice vote, Senate rejected McMahon amendment to committee amendment proposing to increase appropriation for AEC by \$28,150,000.

Senate asked for a conference, and appointed as conferees Senators Reed, Bridges, Brooks, Cordon, Green, Russell, and McKellar.

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Federal Highways: Adopted conference report on H. R. 5888, to authorize Federal aid for highways.

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Veterans: Adopted conference reports on S. 2825, increasing compensation to surviving children of deceased veterans whose deaths were wartime-service-connected, and on S. 2821, to increase compensation for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities who have dependents.

Nominations: Received 17 civilian, 1 Navy, and 59 postmaster nominations.

Committee Meetings

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee concluded marking up H. R. 6935, second deficiency appropriations for 1948, and the full committee met on the bill in a night executive session to prepare bill for reporting.

AERONAUTICS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Committee agreed to report H. R. 6695, to authorize the creation of 10 professional and scientific positions in the headquarters and research stations of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (a companion measure to S. 2348).

Various postmaster nominations were also voted reported favorably.

INVESTIGATIONS, COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES, AND PRINTING RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee approved for reporting the following resolutions: With amendment, H. J. Res. 190, authorizing the printing and binding of Cannon's House Procedure; S. Res. 259, to extend investigatory powers of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments in pursuance of S. Res. 152 and 189 to February 15, 1949, and authorizing a study of the Maritime Commission by that committee (the amendment was in the nature of a substitute for the resolution); and without amendment: H. Con. Res. 28, to print as Senate document a manuscript entitled "Toward Peace"; S. Res. 247, to provide an additional \$5,000 for expenditures of the Committee on Public Works; S. Res. 260, to provide an additional \$2,500 for the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service; S. Res. 263, to provide an additional \$25,000 for expenditures of the Committee on Armed Services; and S. Res. 262, to provide an additional \$5,000 for the Committee on the Judiciary.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Ten public bills, H. R. 6981-6990; eight private bills, H. R. 6991-6998; and eight resolutions, H. J. Res. 432-434, and H. Res. 690-694, were introduced.

Poges 8830, 8964

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Conference report on H. R. 4071, Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (H. Rept. 2400);

H. Res. 678, authorizing the printing of the volume entitled "The Democratic Way and the Totalitarian Way" as a House document, amended (H. Rept. 2401);

S. 2591, provides for acceptance of statue of Gen. Jose Gervasio Artigas, of Uruguay, by the United States (H. Rept. 2402);

H. Res. 686, providing \$15,000 for the Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings (H. Rept. 2403);

H. Res. 684, authorizing the printing of additional copies of final majority report (pt. II) of the Joint Com-

mittee on Housing entitled "Statistics of Housing" (H.

Rept. 2404);

H. Res. 672, providing \$20,000 for conducting studies carried on by Committee on Public Works to investigate questionable trade practices, amended (H. Rept. 2405);

H. Con. Res. 199, provides for printing 11,000 additional copies of House Report 1920 on the Communist Party of the United States as an advocate of overthrow of government by force and violence (H. Rept. 2406);

H. Res. 677, private bill (H. Rept. 2407);

Conference report on S. 2825, providing compensation to surviving children of certain deceased veterans (H. Rept. 2408);

Conference report on S. 2821, providing compensation for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities

(H. Rept. 2409);

Conference report on S. 2242, to admit for a limited period of time certain displaced persons to U. S. (H. Rept. 2410);

Conference report on H. R. 3735, directing the Secretary of War to convey to Okaloosa County, Fla., a portion of Santa Rosa Island, Fla. (H. Rept. 2411);

Report on relations of functions and activities of departments and agencies to increased civilian employment in executive branch of Government by Committee on Post Office and Civil Service (H. Rept. 2412);

S. 580, relating to the administrative jurisdiction of certain public lands in State of Oregon (H. Rept. 2413);

S. 2676, providing for conveyance of certain land in St. Louis County, Minn., to University of Minnesota (H. Rept. 2414);

H. Res. 691, providing for appointing a select committee of five members to investigate the organization, personnel, and activities of the Federal Communications Commission (H. Rept. 2415);

Disposition of executive papers (H. Rept. 2416); Disposition of executive papers (H. Rept. 2417);

H. Res. 692, dismissing election contest of Wilson against Granger, as lacking in merit (H. Rept. 2418);

Conference report on H. R. 5888, providing for Federal aid to highways and authorizes appropriations (H. Rept. 2419);

H. Res. 654, authorizing \$10,000 for Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce (H. Rept. 2420);

H. Con. Res. 213, to authorize printing of 2,500 copies of hearings relative to operations of U. S. Board of Parole and to advise if any procedural change is necessary (H. Rept. 2421);

H. Res. 676, authorizing \$5,000 for Committee on

Agriculture (H. Rept. 2422);

H. Res. 674, authorizing \$10,000 for Select Committee on Commodity Exchanges (H. Rept. 2423);

H. Res. 655, to authorize printing of Fifteenth Report of the Commission on Fine Arts (H. Rept. 2424);

H. Res. 675, authorizing \$5,000 for the Joint Committee on Housing (H. Rept. 2425);

H. Res. 646, to print prayers of Chaplain and Acting Chaplain of the House for the Seventy-ninth and Eightieth Congresses (H. Rept. 2426); and

H. Res. 600, authorizing \$20,000 for Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to make fuel study (H. Rept. 2427).

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Printing and Committee Authorizations: Reported, considered, and adopted the following privileged resolutions:

H. Res. 678, authorizing the printing of the volume entitled "The Democratic Way and the Totalitarian Way" as a House document (amended).

H. Res. 686, providing \$15,000 for the Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments.

H. Res. 684, authorizing the printing of additional copies of final majority report (part II) of the Joint Committee on Housing entitled "Statistics of Housing."

H. Res. 672, providing \$20,000 for conducting studies carried on by Committee on Public Works to investigate questionable trade practices (amended).

H. Con. Res. 199, authorizing reprinting of House Report 1920 on the Communist Party of the United States as an advocate of overthrow of government by force and violence.

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H. Res. 595, directing the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to recommend a national fuel policy; and H. Res. 600, authorizing appropriation of

\$20,000 for this national fuel study.

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Conference Reports: Adopted the following conference reports:

Displaced persons: S. 2242, to authorize admission within 2 years of 205,000 displaced persons for perma-

nent residence. The legislation would allow, beside the 200,000 originally to be admitted by this bill, for the inclusion of 2,000 Czechs, who fled homeland to escape Russian persecution, 3,000 eligible orphans for whom homes in the U. S. are assured, and 15,000 DP aliens presently residing in this country to be offered opportunity to obtain permanent status with congressional approval. It also would make 50 percent of the German and Austrian quotas available on and after June 30, 1948, and until July 1, 1950, for persons of German ethnic origin who were born in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, and Poland. A motion to recommit the bill to the committee of conference, offered by Representative Celler, was rejected by a vote of 133 yeas to 266 nays. Pages 8855-8863

Food, drugs, and cosmetics: H. R. 4071, amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, relative to misbranding of articles of food and drugs, and seizure and condemnation of same, thus clearing the bill for the President.

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Interior Department appropriation: H. R. 6705, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for 1949, and sent it to the Senate, after receding and concurring with further amendments to 5 of the 15 amendments that were in disagreement.

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Veterans' dependents: S. 2825, to provide additional compensation to widows and other dependents of certain veterans.

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Disabled veterans' compensation: S. 2821, to provide increases of compensation for certain veterans of World War I and World War II with service-connected disabilities who have dependents.

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Attorney General: H. R. 3566, extending authority of Attorney General to adjust status of certain deportable aliens.

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Florida land: H. R. 3735, to convey Santa Rosa Island, Fla., to Okaloosa County, completing all congressional action.

Pages 8866, 8937-8938

Irrigation: H. R. 5416, to promote the interests of the Fort Hall Indian irrigation project in Idaho, thus clearing the bill for Presidential action.

Pages 8957-8959

California Indians: H. R. 2878, to revise the census roll of Indians in California, thus clearing the bill for the President.

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Stream pollution: S. 418, to provide for control of stream pollution.

Presidential Signature: Agreed to Senate amendments, completing all legislative action:

Veterans' mothers: H. R. 5508, extending benefits of Veterans' Preference Act to certain mothers of veterans.

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Time zone: H. R. 6318, to amend the Standard Time Zone Act relative to placing a certain portion of the State of Idaho in the third time zone.

Aviation: H. R. 4435, to amend the CAA of 1938 by redefining certain powers of the Administrator.

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Headstones: H. R. 4272, to furnish headstones or markers for graves of honorably discharged members of the armed forces, including Union and Confederate.

Pages 8865-8866

Reclamation: H. R. 3218, to authorize an emergency fund for the Bureau of Reclamation to assure the continuous operation of its irrigation and power systems.

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Land exchange: H. R. 6633, authorizing exchange of land and interests therein between city of San Diego, Calif., and United States.

Pacific island possessions: H. Con. Res. 129, to create a Joint Committee To Investigate Our Island Possessions in the Pacific and Trust Territories, and to provide \$50,000 for that purpose.

Pages 8939-8940

Land conveyance: H. R. 6448, to authorize the Veterans' Administration to convey certain land in Tennessee to the city of Johnson City.

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Imported beer: H. R. 6162, making imported beer and other similar imported fermented liquors subject to internal-revenue tax on fermented liquors.

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Private bills: H. R. 703 and H. R. 5716, private bills.

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Housing: H. R. 5710, providing for relinquishment of the Government's rights in temporary housing, authorized under the Lanham Act, on campuses of educational institutions.

"Crimes and Criminal Procedure": H. R. 3190, to codify and enact into positive law title 18 of the U. S. Code entitled "Crimes and Criminal Procedure."

Pages 8864-8865

Suspension of Rules: Voted to suspend the rules and pass the following bills:

Commodity Credit: S. 1322, to grant a Federal charter to the Commodity Credit Corporation. This bill as passed contains the language of H. R. 6263, the House bill, as an amendment, with the Senate version stricken.

Pages 8866-8872

Housing: H. R. 6959, Housing Act of 1948. This measure would meet present emergency needs with special emphasis on low-cost housing, rental housing, continuance of veterans' preferences under title VI of the National Housing Act and in the disposition of Government-owned permanent war housing, secondary market for certain FHA insured mortgages, and GI-

guaranteed home loans. No public-housing or slumclearance sections are contained in the bill.

Pages 8872-8898

Postal employees' pay raise: H. R. 6916, providing permanent postal rates and additional compensation for postmasters and employees of the field service of the Post Office Department.

Pages 8904-8918

Air parcel post: S. 2281, to provide for an air parcel-post service; in lieu of H. R. 6773, a companion bill.

Pages 8918-8926

Agricultural commodities: S. 2376, to provide a revolving fund to purchase agricultural commodities for processing in occupied areas.

Pages 8932-8934

Prototype aircraft: H. R. 6501, for the development of civil transport aircraft, adaptable for auxiliary military service.

Pages 8936-8937

Virgin Islands: H. R. 5904, incorporating the Virgin Islands Corporation.

Pages 8940-8944

Motor carriers: S. 1260, to provide for settlement of claims for damages resulting from Federal operation of 103 motor carriers.

Pages 8947-8951

Bills Passed: Passed the following bills and resolutions:

Selective service: Passed, by a vote of 283 years to 130 nays, H. R. 6401, the selective-service bill. Passage followed the defeat of a motion to recommit the bill back to the Committee on Armed Services. On the recommittal motion, 125 voted for it, with 283 voting against. The House version of the bill, containing the 12-month induction feature and other amendments adopted to the measure, was then inserted in the Senate bill (S. 2655) as an amendment thereto and the Senate language stricken. A motion to suspend the rules and adopt H. Res. 690 was thereupon passed. This resolution called for the House to insist on its amendment to the Senate bill, ask for a conference with the Senate, and the immediate appointment of House conferees. The conferees appointed were Representatives Andrews of New York, Short, Cole of New York, Bates of Massachusetts, Vinson, Brooks, and Kilday. Pages 8827-8830

Statue: S. 2591, acceptance of statue of Gen. Jose Gervasio Artigas from Uruguay.

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Gorgas Laboratory: S. 2341, to authorize an increase of an additional \$100,000 in annual appropriations for maintenance and operation of Gorgas Memorial Laboratory.

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Stamp: S. 2739, authorizing issuance of stamp to commemorate the two-hundredth anniversary of the founding the city of Alexandria, Va. Page 8838

Retirement: S. 2692, to terminate retirement system of Office of Comptroller of Currency and transfer same to civil-service retirement and disability fund.

Boundary compact: S. J. Res. 206, to authorize compact over boundaries between Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

Pages 8853-8854

Freedom Day: S. J. Res. 37, to proclaim February 1 as National Freedom Day.

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Toll bridges: H. R. 6465, to provide for construction and financing of toll bridges over Delaware River by Joint Toll Bridge Commission of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

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Industrial reserve: S. 2554, to provide for retention and maintenance of a national reserve of industrial productive capacity.

Pages 8934-8935

FWA lease: S. 2706, to authorize lease of certain space in Lafayette Building in Washington, D. C., by the FWA.

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Disaster relief: S. 2877, to provide disaster loans, especially for housing in flooded areas of Washington and Oregon, to be financed through the Disaster Loan Corporation of the RFC. The authorization was increased from \$25,000,000 to \$35,000,000. Pages 8945-8946

Tin smelting: S. 2830, authorizing the RFC to continue to operate a tin-smelting plant in Texas City, Tex., for 1 year.

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Philippine veterans: S. 2861, to provide medical care and treatment for certain Philippine veterans.

Pages 8951-8952

VA installations: S. 2794, to authorize VA Administrator to prescribe the rates of pay for certain positions at field installations.

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Land transfer: H. R. 6958, to authorize Administrator of VA to transfer to Navy Department certain property at U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.

Atomic Energy Commission: H. R. 6402, extending the expiration date of terms of members of the AEC from August 1, 1948, to June 30, 1950. Page 8953-8954

ICC: S. 2192, to provide for the issuance of free passes on railroads to official watch inspectors.

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Philippine rehabilitation: S. 1969, to amend the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946 relating to the training of Filipinos in public health (amended).

Pages 8954-8955

Indians: S. 2743, to provide for more expeditious determination of certain claims filed by Ute Indians.

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Alcohol: H. R. 6800, to amend the Internal Revenue Code relative to tax on alcohols used in medicines and food products.

Pages 8955–8956

Railroad bankruptcy: H. R. 6657, amending section 77 of Bankruptcy Act regarding railroads.

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Pages 8956-8957

Indians: H. R. 5355, providing per capita payments to Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians from proceeds of lumber sale.

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Yachts: S. 2186, removing discrimination against yachts of foreign countries and yachts which do not belong to regularly organized yacht clubs.

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Prison labor: S. 2621, to provide that physically able inmates of U. S. penal and correctional institutions be employed so as to avoid competition with private industry.

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Sent to Conference:

Post Office: Insisted on its amendments to S. 2510, authorizing certain administrative expenses in Post Office Department, including pneumatic-tube systems; agreed to a conference asked by Senate; and appointed Representatives Rees, St. George, and Murray of Tennessee as conferees.

Long-range farm program: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6248, providing for a coordinated long-range farm program; agreed to conference asked; and appointed Representatives Hope, August H. Andresen, Johnson of Illinois, Murray of Wisconsin, Flannagan, Cooley, and Pace as conferees on the part of the House.

Supplemental independent offices appropriation: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6829, the supplemental independent offices appropriation bill for 1949; agreed to a conference requested by the Senate; and appointed Representatives Wigglesworth, Phillips of California, Robertson, Coudert, Hendricks, Andrews of Alabama, and Thomas of Texas as conferees.

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Land conveyance: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 5734, authorizing conveyance of certain land in Wyoming by Administrator of Veterans' Affairs; agreed to a conference asked by Senate; and appointed Representatives Rogers of Massachusetts, Kearney, O'Konski, Rankin, and Allen of Louisiana as conferees.

Pages 8952-8953

Army-Air Force appropriation: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6771, Army-Air Force appropriation bill for 1949; agreed to conference requested by Senate; and appointed Representatives Engel of Michigan, Case of South Dakota, Tibbott, Scrivner, Kerr, Mahon, and Norrell as conferees.

Pages 8827-8828

Presidential Messages: Received third quarterly report from President on the Greece-Turkey aid. Referred to Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed as House Document No. 724.

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Later received message proposing establishment of a commission to explore question of whether any special legislation should be enacted to protect the national interests in labor-management disputes at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor and ordered printed as House Document No. 726.

Pages 8944-8945

Committee Meetings

DISASTER RELIEF—TIN SMELTING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Ordered the following bills reported to the House:

S. 2877, to provide disaster loans, especially for housing in the flooded areas in Washington and Oregon, to be financed through the Disaster Loan Corp. of the RFC. This bill was amended to increase the authorization from \$25 million to \$35 million instead of \$45 million, the amount allowed by the Senate; and

S. 2830, authorizing the RFC to continue to operate for 5 years a tin-smelting plant at Texas City, Tex. The committee voted to amend this bill to extend operation of the plant 1 year instead of 5 years.

Witnesses testifying in favor of the flood-disaster-relief bill were Representatives Angell and Mack, and Joseph Dougherty, general counsel, RFC. Testifying in favor of the tin-smelting bill were Wylie F. McKinnon, Assistant Director of Office of Metal Reserve, RFC; E. Warfield, Tin Processing Corp.; and H. H. Buckman, Vulcan De-Tinning Co.

FCC INVESTIGATION

Committee on Rules: In executive session, reported the following bill favorably to the House:

H. Res. 691, authorizing the appointment of a select committee to conduct a study and investigation of the organization, personnel, and activities of the Federal Communications Commission.

Joint Committee Meetings

FEDERAL AID TO HIGHWAYS

Conferees on H. R. 5888, Federal aid to highway bill, agreed to file a conference report. As approved by the conferees the bill would authorize \$450 million per year for 1950–51 of Federal aid for highway construction.

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Conferees on H. R. 6248, to provide for a coordinated long-range farm program, met in executive session but failed to reach agreement. Meet again tomorrow.

GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS

Conferees on H. R. 6481, Government corporations appropriations for 1949, continued in executive session throughout the day and into late night session in hopes of reaching a final agreement to file a conference report.

FOREIGN-AID APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees on H. R. 6801, foreign-aid appropriations for 1949, continued in executive session throughout the day and into late night session in hopes of reaching a final agreement to file a conference report.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D490)

S. 1987, to authorize construction of Preston Bench reclamation project in Idaho. Signed June 15, 1948 (P. L. 644);

S. 2137, to provide for protection of potato and tomato production from the golden nematode. Signed June

15, 1948 (P. L. 645);

H. R. 6355, Federal Security Agency supplemental appropriations for 1949; over President's veto June 16,

1948 (P. L. 646);

H. R. 6407, to encourage development of an international air-transportation system. Signed June 16, 1948 (P. L. 647);

H. J. Res. 411, issuance of stamp commemorative of William Allen White, writer. Signed June 16, 1948

(P. L. 648);

S. 1025, improving harbor at Nome, Alaska. Signed

June 16, 1948 (P. L. 649);

S. 1037, to authorize revision of boundaries of Caribou National Forest in Idaho. Signed June 16, 1948 (P. L. 650);

S. 1249, authorizing additional research and investigation into problems and methods relating to eradication of cattle grubs. Signed June 16, 1948 (P. L. 651);

S. 1302, making surplus athletic equipment available to organizations, etc. Signed June 16, 1948 (P. L. 652);

S. 1675, authorizing construction and repair of designated naval public works. Signed June 16, 1948 (P. L. 653);

S. 2201, to construct and operate bridges or tunnels on Chesapeake Bay near Sandy Point, Md. Signed June

16, 1948 (P. L. 654);

S. 2215, to support research and training in diseases of the heart and circulation. Signed June 16, 1948 (P. L. 655);

S. 2455, to amend the CAA of 1938 by limiting the liability of certain persons not in possession of aircraft. Signed June 16, 1948 (P. L. 656);

S. 2456, to provide safety in aviation and to direct an investigation of causes and characteristics of thunder-

storms. Signed June 16, 1948 (P. L. 657);

S. 2553, to convey lands to Mystic River Bridge Authority for approaches to bridge at Chelsea, Mass. Signed June 16, 1948 (P. L. 658);

S. 2593, easement of land at Pungo, Va. Signed June

16, 1948 (P. L. 659);

H. R. 5134, to authorize travel expenses for vocational-rehabilitation purposes to VA beneficiaries and their attendants. Signed June 16, 1048 (P. I. 660):

tendants. Signed June 16, 1948 (P. L. 660);

H. R. 6730, to extend section of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 relating to authority of the VA Administrator to enter into leases not exceeding 5 years. Signed June 16, 1948 (P. L. 661);

S. 110, to amend the ICC Act relative to agreements between interstate carriers; over President's veto June

17, 1948 (P. L. 662);

S. 153, authorizing replica of Dade Monument for State of Florida. Signed June 17, 1948 (P. L. 663);

S. 1520, to provide reimbursement to the Post Office Department by the Navy for shortages in postal accounts occurring while commissioned officers of the Navy and Marine Corps are designated custodians of postal effects. Signed June 17, 1948 (P. L. 664);

S. 2479, providing for the suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in the

U. S. Signed June 17, 1948 (P. L. 665);

S. 2496, to convey certain public land to Pinellas County, Fla. Signed June 17, 1948 (P. L. 666);

H. R. 3628, to revise the method of issuing patents for public lands. Signed June 17, 1948 (P. L. 667); and

H. R. 4032, authorizing delegation to Secretary of Navy of certain discretionary powers of the President. Signed June 17, 1948 (P. L. 668).

Saturday, June 19, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses cleared many bills for President and adjourned the second session of the Eightieth Congress.

Note new public laws and Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 9109-9113, 9159-9164

Bills Introduced: Three bills and one resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2895 to S. 2897; and S. Res. 265.

Pages 9027, 9110

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. J. Res. 190, authorizing the printing and binding of Cannon's House Procedure, with amendment (S. Rept. 1770);

H. R. 3416, to provide for establishment of the Pensacola National Monument, Florida, with amendment

(S. Rept. 1771);

S. 2694, providing for acquisition of land along the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway in exchange for dredging privileges (S. Rept. 1772); and

S. Res. 265, authorizing an additional \$10,000 for the Committee on Appropriations (no written report).

Pages 9056, 9091, 9447-9448

Trust Territories: President pro tempore appointed, as Senate members of Joint Committee to Investigate the Trust Territories of the Pacific, Senators Wiley, Smith, Cordon, Malone, Barkley, and O'Mahoney.

Page 9110

Selective Service: Following the debate throughout the night, Senate adopted Gurney motion to agree to a conference asked by the House on S. 2655, Selective Service Act of 1948, and appointed as conferees Senators Gurney, Saltonstall, Morse, Tydings, and Byrd. Immediately the conference report was submitted, discussed briefly, and adopted by Senate.

Pages 8964-8999

Interior Appropriations: Adopted conference report and disposed of amendments in disagreement to H. R. 6705, Interior appropriations for 1949, clearing the bill for the President.

Pages 8999–9001

CCC Charter: Asked for a conference on S. 1322, to grant a Federal charter to the CCC, and appointed as conferees Senators Aiken, Young, Thye, Thomas of Oklahoma, and Ellender.

The conferees later met and reached agreement to file a conference report.

The conference report was subsequently adopted and the bill cleared for the President.

Pages 9001-9002, 9130-9132

Virgin Islands: Passed H. R. 5904, to incorporate the Virgin Islands Corporation, after substituting the language of S. 1183 therefor. A conference was asked on the bill and Senators Butler, Cordon, and Hatch were appointed as conferees.

The conferees later met and agreed to file conference report on the bill. Subsequently the conference report was adopted and the bill was cleared for the President.

Pages 9010, 9137

Land Conveyance: Senate receded from its position, approving H. R. 5734, authorizing conveyance of certain land in Wyoming by VA, in the form it originally passed House, clearing the bill for the President.

Page 9011

Displaced Persons: Adopted conference report on S. 2242, to authorize admission of displaced persons, clearing the bill for the President.

Pages 9004-9015, 9018-9023

Government Corporations Appropriations: Senate agreed to conference report on H. R. 6481, Government Corporations appropriations for 1949, and disposed of

amendments reported in disagreement, clearing the bill for the President.

Before this action was taken, the Senate had relieved Senator Wherry from service as a conferee on the bill, and Senator Saltonstall had been appointed in his stead. The conferees had held a conference and agreed to file their conference report.

Also, by vote of 37 yeas to 47 nays, Senate had rejected Ferguson motion that Senate recede from its amendments to H. R. 6481 providing \$4,000,000 for construction of a steam plant by TVA at New Johnsonville, Tenn. Finally this provision was eliminated, before the bill was cleared for the President.

Pages 9004, 9015-9018, 9090-9091

Post Office: Adopted conference report on S. 2510, authorizing certain administrative expenses in Post Office Department, including pneumatic-tube systems, clearing the bill for the President.

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Military Appropriations: Adopted conference report on H. R. 6771, national military appropriations for 1949, clearing the bill for the President.

Pages 9033-9034

Bills Cleared for President: The following bills were passed without amendment and cleared for the President:

Indians: H. R. 5355, providing per capita payments to Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians from proceeds of lumber sale;

Toll Bridges: H. R. 6465, to provide for construction and financing of toll bridges over Delaware River (vote by which S. 2667, a similar bill, had been passed was reconsidered and the bill was indefinitely postponed);

Stamp: H. J. Res. 327, issuing stamp commemorative of Juliette Low, founder and organizer of Girl Scouts;

Stamp: H. J. Res. 305, issuance of special stamps commemorative of fiftieth anniversary of Rough Riders of Spanish-American War.

Pages 9014, 9034, 9168

Tin Smelting: Asked for a conference on S. 2830, authorizing the RFC to continue to operate a tin-smelting plant in Texas City, Tex., until June 30, 1950, and appointed as conferees Senators Baldwin, Morse, and Hill. Subsequently, Senate adopted conference report on this measure, clearing the bill for the President.

Pages 9032, 9067

Atomic Energy: Passed and cleared for the President H. R. 6402, to extend the time of expiration date of terms of members of the AEC from August 1, 1948, to June 30, 1950. S. 2589, a similar bill, was indefinitely postponed.

Pages 9060-9067, 9067-9073

Housing: Discussed H. R. 6959, Housing Act of 1948 (a companion bill to S. 866, to establish and carry out a national housing policy), but did not reach a vote on disposition.

Pages 9085-9089

National Monument: Passed with amendment and sent back to the House H. R. 3416, to provide for establishment of the Pensacola National Monument, Florida.

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Alaskan Shipping: Passed with amendment and sent to the House S. J. Res. 219, to continue until March 1, 1949, authority of the Maritime Commission to provide for certain ocean transportation services with Alaska.

Pages 9092-9095

District of Columbia Sales Tax: Debated at some length S. 843, District of Columbia sales tax, but did not reach a vote of disposition.

Pages 9099-9102, 9106

War Claims: Agreed to conference report on H. R. 4044, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act to create a commission to study and report to Congress with respect to war claims, clearing the bill for the President.

Earlier, the Senate had asked for a conference on the bill and appointed as conferees Senators Wiley, Cooper, and Magnuson. The conferees then met and agreed to file the report, which was adopted.

Pages 9018, 9091

Home Owners' Loan: Adopted conference report on H. R. 2798, amending Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, regarding State conversion of Federal savings and loan associations.

Pages 9055-9056

Disaster Relief: Agreed to House amendment with an amendment to S. 2877, to provide disaster loans, especially for housing in the flooded areas in Washington and Oregon, to be financed through the Disaster Loan Corporation of the RFC, the effect of which would be to raise the total authorization for disaster relief from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000.

Deficiency Appropriation: Passed with amendments H. R. 6935, second deficiency appropriations for 1948, after taking the following action on amendments:

Adopted: Brooks amendment to committee amendment raising from \$75,000 to \$108,000 amount of expenses authorized for Joint Committee on Inauguration Ceremonies of 1949; all other committee amendments without change; and Murray amendment to provide \$450,000 for REA.

Rejected: On division vote Hayden motion to suspend rules on amendment concerning payment to certain contractors of claims arising from construction of Friant-Kern Canal; Fulbright amendment to provide \$1,000,000 to carry out cooperative exchange of persons under Public Law 402; and Sparkman amendment to provide an additional \$72,500 to FSA for "general administration" of FSA.

Conference was requested and Senators Bridges, Brooks, Gurney, Ball, McKellar, Hayden, and Tydings were appointed as conferees. The conferees later agreed to file a conference report on the bill; the report was agreed to, an amendment in disagreement was disposed of, and the bill was cleared for the President.

Pages 9045–9054, 9127–9129

Investigation, Committee Expenditures, and Printing Resolutions Adopted: Adopted the following resolutions:

- S. Con. Res. 28, to print as Senate document a manuscript entitled "Toward Peace";
- H. J. Res. 190, authorizing the printing and binding of Cannon's House Procedure, as amended;
- S. Res. 260, to provide an additional \$2,500 for the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service;
- S. Res. 263, to provide an additional \$25,000 for expenditures of the Committee on Armed Services;
- S. Res. 262, to provide an additional \$5,000 for the Committee on the Judiciary;
- S. Res. 247, to provide an additional \$5,000 for expenditures of the Committee on Public Works;
- S. Res. 259, to extend investigatory powers of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments in pursuance of S. Res. 152 and 189 to February 15, 1949, and authorizing a study of the Maritime Commission;
- S. Res. 265, increasing limit of expenditures for investigations and hearings by Committee on Appropriations;
- H. Con. Res. 199, authorizing reprinting of House Report 1920 on the Communist Party of the U. S. as an advocate of overthrow of government by force and violence; and
- H. Con. Res. 213, to authorize printing of 2,500 copies of hearings held before Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments relative to investigation of operations of U. S. Board of Parole and to advise if any procedural change is necessary.

Pages 9056-9057, 9112

Government Employees' Pay Increase: Passed and later cleared for the President H. R. 6916, pay increase for postal employees, after substituting for the text thereof a substitute by Senator Taft including pay raise to officers and employees of the Federal and D. C. Governments. This substitute was in turn amended as follows:

Adopted: Cain amendment providing that D. C. employees shall not receive a raise prior to enactment of legislation raising D. C. revenue to meet the increased cost; Williams amendment on parcel-post rates; and Byrd amendment to strike from the substitute title III providing increases for higher brackets.

Fulbright amendment to repeal oleomargarine tax was, by motion, laid on the table.

S. 1949 and S. 1537, similar Senate bills, were indefinitely postponed.

Asked for a conference and appointed as conferees Senators Langer, Flanders, Baldwin, Johnston, and O'Conor.

Conferees later agreed to file a conference report on the bill; the report was agreed to, and the bill was cleared for the President.

Pages 9073-9085, 9137, 9314-9317

School Assistance: Agreed to conference on H. R. 6527, extending the period for providing assistance to certain school agencies still overburdened with warincurred school enrollments, and appointed as conferees Senators Smith, Donnell, Morse, Murray, and Hill, who met to work out compromise.

Later, the conference report was filed and agreed to, and the bill was cleared for the President.

Pages 9090, 9133-9137

Independent Offices Appropriations: Agreed to conference report on H. R. 6829, independent offices supplemental appropriations for 1949, providing funds for the AEC, VA, ODT, WAA, Maritime Commission, and Housing, clearing the bill for the President. Page 9091

Alaskan Indians: Passed with amendment S. J. Res. 162, to rescind certain orders of the Secretary of the Interior establishing Indian reservations in Alaska.

Pages 9095-9097

Postmaster Investigation: Passed S. Res. 264, to extend authority to January 15, 1948, for investigation of postmasters.

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Investigation Reports: The Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments was granted permission to make report on its investigations and findings to the Senate during recess.

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Railroad Equipment: Passed without amendment and cleared for the President H. J. Res. 433, to authorize free entry of certain railroad equipment under certain conditions from France.

Pages 9098-9099

Bills Cleared for President: Senate agreed to House amendments to the following bills, clearing them for the President:

Indians: S. 1243, to pay certain funds to Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon;

Indians: S. 1683, conferring jurisdiction on the courts of New York with respect to offenses committed on Indian reservations within State;

Philippine Rehabilitation: S. 1969, to amend the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946 relating to the training of Filipinos in public health; and

Agricultural Commodities: S. 2376, to provide a revolving fund to purchase agricultural commodities for processing in occupied areas.

Pages 9026-9027, 9067, 9090, 9099

CIA: Passed S. 2688, providing for administration of Central Intelligence Agency.

Pages 9107-9109

Stream Pollution: Adopted conference report on S. 418, to provide for control of stream pollution, clearing the bill for the President.

Foreign-Aid Appropriations: Adopted conference report on H. R. 6801, foreign-aid appropriations for 1949, clearing the bill for the President. Pages 9121-9123

Postal Service: Agreed to House amendment and cleared for President S. 2730, to credit, in certain cases, military service and training preparatory thereto performed by employees of the postal service, clearing the bill for the President.

Strategic Metals: By vote of 40 yeas to 28 nays, agreed to consider S. 2756, to stimulate the production and conservation of strategic and critical ores, metals, and minerals and to provide for the establishment within the Interior Department of a Mine Incentive Payments Division, adopted committee amendments to same, but adjournment without taking final action on bill.

Pages 9113-9121, 9123-9127, 9129-9130, 9154-9156

Mount Vernon Highway: Passed S. 2694, providing for acquisition of land along the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway in exchange for dredging privileges.

Pages 9147-9148

Veterans' Housing: Agreed to House amendments and cleared for the President S. 2790, to provide a secondary market for veterans' home loans, and to promote veterans' housing.

Pages 9148-9150

Farm Program: Adopted conference report on H. R. 6248, to provide for a long-range farm program, clearing the bill for the President.

Pages 9157, 9338-9344

Farm Labor: Agreed to House amendments and cleared for the President S. 2767, to provide assistance in the recruitment and distribution of farm labor.

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Housing: Passed with amendment H. Con. Res. 197, to extend to June 15, 1948, the Joint Committee on Housing Investigation.

Pages 9140-9141

Alaskan Railroads: Passed S. Con. Res. 59, to require President to negotiate with Canada relative to construction of railroads in Alaska.

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President pro tempore: Adopted H. Con. Res. 219, authorizing the President pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions during adjournment. Also adopted an order authorizing the President pro tempore to make certain appointments to committees or commissions authorized by law.

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Treaty: President transmitted Convention on Inter-Government Maritime Consultation Organization, signed at Geneva March 6, 1948; referred to Committee on Foreign Relations.

Nominations: Received 16 civilian nominations.

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Confirmations: Confirmed nomination of Frieda B. Hennock, New York, to be member of the FCC, along with 68 postmaster nominations.

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Adjournment: Adopted H. Con. Res. 218, to adjourn both Houses of Congress until noon December 31, 1948, or until recalled by the President pro tempore, the Speaker, the Acting Majority Leader of the Senate, and the Leader of the House, acting jointly. The Senate subsequently adjourned at 7:14 a. m., Sunday, June 20, 1948.

Committee Meetings

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee agreed to report, with amendment, H. R. 6935, second deficiency appropriations for 1948. As approved the bill would appropriate \$605,209,130 in deficiency appropriations for various Government agencies; as it passed the House it would appropriate \$485,204,240; the Budget estimates on which these appropriations are based total \$605,209,130.

Joint Committee Meetings

LONG-RANGE FARM PROGRAM

Conferees on H. R. 6248, long-range farm program, after several meetings, agreed to file a conference report on the bill.

GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees on H. R. 6481, Government Corporations appropriations for 1949, reached agreement to file a report.

FOREIGN-AID APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees on H. R. 6801, foreign-aid appropriations for 1949, agreed to file a conference report.

CONFEREES

Conferees were appointed on various other bills; they met on their respective bills and agreed to file conference reports. For details see various items under Senate Chamber.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-nine public bills, H. R. 6999-7027; three private bills, H. R. 7028-7030; and ten resolutions, H. J. Res. 435, H. Con. Res. 218 and 219, and H. Res. 695-701, were introduced.

Pages 9348, 9351-9352

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Conference report on H. R. 2192, for the relief of Massman Construction Co. (H. Rept. 2428);

H. R. 6697, provides for sale to city of Los Angeles, Calif., a certain interest in public lands (H. Rept. 2429);

Conference report on H. R. 6771, relative to military functions administered by the National Military Establishment (H. Rept. 2430);

Conference report on S. 2510, to provide for certain administrative expenses in the Post Office Department and retainment of pneumatic-tube system (H. Rept. 2431);

Conference report on H. R. 6481, appropriation for Government corporations and independent executive agencies (H. Rept. 2432);

Report of Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce covering activities of the committee during both sessions of Eightieth Congress (H. Rept. 2433);

Report of Committee on Post Office and Civil Service entitled "Survey and Study of the Postal Service." This

report covers a special study of unit cost by classes of mail and special services at the twenty largest post offices (H. Rept. 2434);

Conference report on H. R. 6829, supplemental independent offices appropriation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 2435);

Conference report on S. 2830, authorizing the RFC to continue to operate a tin-smelting plant at Texas City, Tex. (H. Rept. 2436);

Conference report on H. R. 2798, to amend section 5 of Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, regarding State conversion of Federal savings and loan associations (H. Rept. 2437);

Conference report on H. R. 2655, selective-service bill (H. Rept. 2438);

Conference report on H. R. 4044, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act to create a commission to study and report to Congress with respect to war claims (H. Rept. 2439);

Conference report on H. R. 6801, foreign-aid appropriation bill for 1949 (H. Rept. 2440);

Seventeenth intermediate report of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, covering an investigation as to the manner in which the U. S. Board of Parole is operating and as to whether there is a necessity for change in either the procedure or basic law (H. Rept. 2441);

Conference report on H. R. 6935, second deficiency

appropriation bill for 1948 (H. Rept. 2442);

Conference report on H. R. 6527, to provide assistance to certain school agencies still overburdened with warincurred school enrollments (H. Rept. 2443);

Conference report on S. 1322, providing a Federal charter for the Commodity Credit Corporation (H.

Rept. 2444);

Conference report on H. R. 5904, incorporating the

Virgin Islands Corporation (H. Rept. 2445);

Conference report on H. R. 6916, provides for permanent postal rates and additional compensation for postmasters and employees of the field service of the Post Office Department; also includes Federal employees (H. Rept. 2446);

S. J. Res. 219, continues until March 1, 1949, the authority of the U.S. Maritime Commission to provide for certain ocean transportation services to, from, and within

Alaska (H. Rept. 2447);

Conference report on H. R. 6248, to provide for a coordinated long-range farm program (H. Rept. 2448).

Pages 9180, 9217, 9223, 9234, 9248, 9250, 9253, 9268, 9289, 9292, 9299, 9309, 9314, 9338, 9351.

Bills Passed: Passed the following bills and resolu-

Land grant: S. 2849, to authorize Veterans' Administrator to convey strip of land to Washington County, Ark. Page 9173

Indians: S. 1683, conferring jurisdiction on the courts of New York with respect to offenses committed on Indian reservations within that State.

Indians: S. 1820, conferring jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation. Page 9177

Indians: S. 1243, to pay certain funds to Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. Amended and returned to the Senate for concurrence.

Pages 9177-9178

Railroads: S. 2371, validating certain conveyances to Oregon Short Line Railroad Co. and Union Pacific Railroad Co.

Arming of vessels: S. 1107, to authorize permanent arming of American vessels in time of national emer-

Panama Railroad: S. 2747, to amend the Canal Zone Code for the purpose of incorporating the Panama Railroad Company.

Pan-American: S. J. Res. 177, providing for U. S. participation in the Pan American Railway Congress and authorizing an appropriation therefor.

Flood damage: S. 1639, relative to repair and rehabilitation of irrigation works damaged by flood in the Fort Sumner irrigation district.

Land conveyance: S. 2676, to convey parcel of land to the University of Minnesota.

Private bills: S. 83, 1730, 2705, 165, 1715, 1717, 2440, 2729, and 2217. Pages 9182-9183, 9224-9225, 9287

Election contest: H. Res. 692, dismissing election contest of Wilson against Granger, as lacking in merit.

Duty-free imports: H. J. Res. 433, permitting free entry of certain articles imported to promote international good will. Pages 9222-9223

State Department investigation: H. Res. 350, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate action of the State Department with respect to claim of George B. Soto against the Government of Guatemala.

Pages 9225-9226

Horses: S. 2698, to authorize transfer of horses and equipment owned by U. S. Army to New Mexico Military Institute.

Special committee: H. Res. 691, authorizing the appointment of a select committee to conduct a study and investigation of the organization, personnel, and activities of the Federal Communications Commission.

Pages 9227-9233

Committee expenses: H. Res. 697, providing \$25,000 for expenses of select committee to investigate the Federal Communications Commission, created in pursuance of H. Res. 691.

Service disability: S. 595, providing rates of compensation for disabilities incurred in active military or naval

Postal service: S. 2730, to credit in certain cases, military service and training preparatory thereto performed by employees of the postal service, after amending the bill by inserting the provisions of H. R. 6734 therefor.

Alaska: S. J. Res. 219, to continue until December 31, 1949, authority of the Maritime Commission to provide for certain ocean transportation services with Alaska.

Pages 9313-9314

Revenue revision: H. R. 6712, Revenue Revision Act of 1948. This bill is designed to remove inequities, eliminate uncertainties for both taxpayers and tax administrators, prevent tax avoidance, simplify the tax system, moderate certain harsh provisions and provide increased incentives to management and venture capital. (Passed under suspension of rules.)

Pages 9185-9217

Farm labor: S. 2767, to provide asistance in the recruitment and distribution of farm labor.

Committee election: H. Res. 699, electing Mr. Wilson of Indiana to the House Committee on Appropriations. (His resignation from the Committee on Public Works had previously been received by the Speaker.)

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Veterans' housing: S. 2790, to provide a secondary market for veterans' home loans, and to promote veterans' housing. (Passed under suspension of rules.)

Pages 9321-9326

Adjournment resolution: H. Con. Res. 218, that the two Houses stand adjourned until 12 noon, December 31, 1948, or subject to the call of the designated leaders of the House and Senate.

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Enrolled bills signed: H. Con. Res. 219, authorizing the Speaker of the House and the President pro tempore of the Senate to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions during adjournment of Congress.

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GAO reports: H. Res. 700, to authorize printing as House Documents of the second session of the Eightieth Congress the reports made to Congress by the U. S. Comptroller General.

Acting Clerk: H. Res. 701, designating Acting Clerk to perform duties of the Clerk of the House of Representatives during his absence.

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Sent to Conference:

War claims: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 4044, creating a commission to inquire and make a report to the President with respect to war claims; and providing relief for certain war internees, requested a conference with Senate, and appointed Representatives Hinshaw, O'Hara, Hugh D. Scott, Jr., Chapman, and Beckworth as conferees.

Tin smelting: Insisted on its amendments to S. 2830, authorizing the RFC to continue to operate a tin-smelting plant at Texas City, Tex., and agreed to conference asked by Senate. House conferees are Representatives Wolcott, Gamble, Smith of Ohio, Kunkel, Spence, Brown of Georgia, and Patman.

Pages 9223-9224

Second deficiency: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6935, second deficiency appropriation bill for 1948, agreed to conference asked by Senate, and appointed Representatives Taber, Wigglesworth, Engel of Michigan, Stefan, Case of South Dakota, Keefe, Cannon, Kerr, and Mahon as conferees.

School enrollments: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6527, extending the period for providing assistance to certain school agencies still overburdened with war-incurred school enrollments, asked for a conference with the Senate, and appointed Representatives McCowen, Landis, Brehm, Kearns, Barden, and Lucas as conferees.

Postal employees pay raise: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6916, providing permanent postal rates and additional compensation for postmasters and

employees of the field service of the Post Office Department, requested a conference with Senate, and appointed Representatives Rees, Stevenson, Vursell, Murray of Tennessee, and Lyle as conferees.

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Commodity Credit: Insisted on the amendments to S. 1322, to grant a Federal charter to the Commodity Credit Corporation, agreed to conference requested by the Senate, and appointed Representatives Wolcott, Gamble, Smith of Ohio, Kunkel, Spence, Brown of Georgia, and Patman as conferees.

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Virgin Islands: Disagreed to Senate amendments on H. R. 5904, incorporating the Virgin Islands Corporation, agreed to conference asked and appointed Representatives Crawford, LeCompte, LeFevre, Fernandez, and Engle of California.

Pages 9273-9274

Presidential Signature: Agreed to Senate amendments, completing all legislative action:

Private bills: H. R. 6428, 2729, 1734, and 2009.

Pages 9181, 9224, 9225, 9287

National park: H. R. 2096, acquisition of lands, Mammoth Cave National Park, Ky. Pages 9181-9182

Army—Air Force: H. R. 6039, authorizing permanent appointment in the Regular Army and Regular Air Force of one officer, in each branch, in the grade of general.

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Retirement: H. R. 6641, to provide annuities for certain spouses of annuitants retired prior to April 1, 1948.

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Mineral rights: H. R. 4856, to delay liquidation of mineral rights reserved to U. S. as required by Farmers Home Administration Act of 1946.

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Brewers: H. R. 6808, to permit refund or credit to brewers for taxes paid on beer losses in bottling operations.

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War claims: H. R. 6116, relative to statute of limitations on claims filed pursuant to Trading With the Enemy Act in cases involving property vested in World War II.

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Officer personnel: H. R. 6707, to amend the Officers Personnel Act of 1947 with regard to retirement.

Page 9225

Hospitals: H. R. 4816, to provide a minimum allotment of \$250,000 to each State for construction of hospitals. Pages 9233-9234

Japanese: H. R. 3999, to adjudicate certain claims resulting from evacuation of certain persons of Japanese ancestry under military orders.

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Crow Indians: H. R. 2352, sale of interests in estates of deceased Crow Tribe Indians.

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Disaster relief: S. 2877, to provide disaster loans especially for housing in flooded areas of Washington and Oregon, to be financed through Disaster Loan Corporation of the RFC.

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Surplus property: H. R. 5882, to authorize the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force to donate surplus property for educational purposes.

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Cannon's Procedure: H. J. Res. 190, authorizing the printing and binding of Cannon's Procedure of the House of Representatives.

Pensacola Monument: H. R. 3416, to establish the Pensacola National Monument in Escambia County, Fla.

Conference Reports: Adopted the following conference reports:

Highway aid: H. R. 5888, Federal aid to highways.

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Private bill: H. R. 2192, a private bill. Pages 9180-9181

Military appropriations: H. R. 6771, Military Establishment appropriation bill for 1949.

Pages 9218-9221

Pneumatic tubes: S. 2510, authorizing certain administrative expenses in the Post Office Department, including pneumatic-tube systems.

Pages 9223-9224

Government corporations: H. R. 6481, appropriation for Government corporations and independent executive agencies. By a vote of 201 nays to 186 yeas, a preferential motion, offered by Representative Gore, for the House to recede and concur in an amendment of the Senate to authorize \$4,000,000 for construction of a steam plant by the TVA at New Johnsonville, Tenn., was rejected.

Supplemental independent offices appropriation: H. R. 6829, independent offices supplemental appropriation bill for 1949.

Pages 9248–9250

Tin smelter: S. 2830, authorizing RFC to continue to operate a tin-smelting plant at Texas City, Tex.

Pages 9250-9251

Home loans: H. R. 2798, amending Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, regarding State conversion of Federal savings and loan associations.

Pages 9251-9252

Selective service: By a vote of 259 yeas to 136 nays, the conference report on S. 2655 was adopted. It carries an induction period of 21 months for men between the ages of 19 and 25.

Pages 9253-9277

War claims: Conference report on H. R. 4044, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act to create a commission to study and report to Congress with respect to war claims.

Pages 9289-9292

Foreign aid appropriations: Adopted by a vote of 319 yeas to 62 nays, the conference report on H. R. 6801,

making appropriation for the ECA activities. The funds appropriated by this bill will carry this Agency from April 3, 1948, through June 30, 1949, unless President, by advice of the Administrator, deems that an accelerated spending program necessitates expenditure of the fund within 12 months.

Pages 9292-9299

Second deficiency appropriation: H. R. 6935, second deficiency appropriation bill for 1948. Pages 9299-9305

School assistance: H. R. 6527, extending the period for providing assistance to certain school agencies still overburdened with war-incurred school enrollments.

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Commodity Credit: S. 1322, to grant a Federal charter to the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Pages 9309-9311

Long-range farm program: H. R. 6248, providing for a coordinated long-range farm program. Pages 9338-9347

Virgin Islands: H. R. 5904, incorporating the Virgin Islands Corporation.

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Postal and Federal employees: H. R. 6916, providing permanent postal rates and additional compensation for post-office and Federal employees. Pages 9314-9317

Resignation of Member: Received resignation of Representative Noble J. Johnson of the Sixth District of Indiana.

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Bermuda: Pursuant to H. Con. Res. 201, the Speaker of the House appointed Representatives Talle, Corbett, Kefauver, and Worley to accept invitation to meet with Speaker of House of Assembly of Bermuda and Joint President of Bermuda Branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association.

Pacific Trust Commission: Pursuant to H. Con. Res. 129, creating a Joint Committee to Investigate Our Pacific Island Possessions and Trust Territories, the Speaker appointed Representatives Crawford, Lemke, and Fernandez, and Representatives Fulton, Jackson of California, and Pfeifer, members of the Committees on Public Lands and Foreign Affairs, respectively, as House members of the joint commission.

Adjournment: House adjourned at 6:56 a. m., Sunday, June 20, pursuant to H. Con. Res. 218, subject to the call of the designated leaders.

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BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

New Laws

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Digest, p. D503)

S. 263, to provide for the carrying of mail on star routes. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 669);

S. 295, relative to detailing of Army personnel as students. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 670);

- S. 554, providing for the collection and publication of statistical information by the Bureau of the Census. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 671);
- S. 612, to regulate the business of insurance in the District of Columbia. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 672);
- S. 692, to authorize mileage fees at the rate of 7 cents per mile for marshals and their deputies traveling on official business. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 673);
- S. 1082, allowing credits to certain postal employees for establishing promotion eligibility. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 674);
- S. 1214, to facilitate administrative procedures under the Naval Officers Training Act. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 675);
- S. 1265, amending District of Columbia Code, relative to liability for causing death by wrongful act. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 676);
- S. 1442, to amend District of Columbia Code, relative to survival of court actions. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 677);
- S. 1470, medical care for Reservists who are injured or contract diseases while engaged in military training. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 678);
- S. 1747, to authorize credit in certain accounts of U. S. property and disbursing officers under the War Department. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 679);
- S. 1783, retention in service of disabled Army personnel. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 680);
- S. 1790, to authorize longevity credit for service under 18 years of age. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 681);
- S. 1791, transfer of lands at Camp Phillips, Kans. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 682);
- S. 1795, to repeal certain regulations governing inquiries to be made in connection with disbursements by disbursing officers of the Army. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 683);
- S. 1861, to amend the act to reclassify the salaries of postmasters, officers, and employees of the postal service to provide promotions of certain temporary employees. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 684);
- S. 1871, to restore land to town site of Wadsworth, Nev. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 685);
- S. 1925, to convey certain land to Pierre, S. Dak. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 686);
- S. 2152, to increase maximum travel allowance for railway postal clerks. Signed June 10, 1948 (P. L. 687);
- S. 2251, recreational park to Great Lakes, Ill. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 688);
- S. 2288, to provide for sale at cost of Public Housing Administration project No. 46011, at Ordnance Park, W. Va. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 689);
- S. 2400, to authorize President to stop work on specified combatant vessels notwithstanding statutory provisions for increase and replacement of naval vessels. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 690);

- S. 2406, recording of liens in the District of Columbia on vehicles and trailers. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 691);
- S. 2454, amending the CAA of 1938 to make further provision for recording of title to, interest in, and encumbrances upon certain aircraft. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 692);
- S. 2592, return of certain lands to Puerto Rico. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 693);
- S. 2643, compensation payment of liens to District of Columbia hospitals. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 694);
- H. R. 238, extending admiralty jurisdiction relative to maritime tort claims. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 695);
- H. R. 2273, to grant certain benefits to Panama Canal employees. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 696);
- H. R. 2721, maintenance of water level in upper Mississippi River for wildlife purposes. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 697);
- H. R. 3402, relative to financing bridge over the Missouri River at Rulo, Nebr. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 698);
- H. R. 3433, amending District of Columbia Code, to provide for two-platoon system in Fire Department. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 699);
- H. R. 3883, transfer of vessel *Hygiene* to Territory of Alaska. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 700);
- H. R. 3915, regarding Arkansas-Mississippi River Bridge Commission. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 701);
- H. R. 4244, to authorize assistance in acquiring specially adapted housing for paraplegic veterans. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 702);
- H. R. 4455, to convey certain lands to Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 703);
- H. R. 4688, to enlarge the Gettysburg National Cemetery. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 704);
- H. R. 4874, transferring Pelican Rock in Crescent City Harbor to Del Norte County, Calif. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 705);
- H. R. 5065, to amend Internal Revenue Code so as to exempt hospitalized servicemen and veterans from admissions tax when admitted free. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 706);
- H. R. 5112, amending the Civil Service Retirement Act relative to Members of Congress who leave their office to serve in the U. S. armed forces. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 707);
- H. R. 5174, authorizing CCC to make adjustment payments to certain producers of cane sugar in Puerto Rico and Hawaii. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 708);
- H. R. 5344, preventing retroactive checkage of retired pay in the cases of certain enlisted men and officers. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 709);

H. R. 5758, permitting certain relatives of deceased veterans to receive benefits of armed forces leave bonds. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 710);

H. R. 5808, to continue day-care nursery school in the District of Columbia for 1 year. Signed June 19, 1948

(P. L. 711);

H. R. 5883, Agriculture appropriations for 1949.

Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 712);

H. R. 5889, extending the privileges of title VI of the Public Health Service Act to the Virgin Islands. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 713);

H. R. 5891, relative to charter of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad Co. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L.

714);

H. R. 5957, providing for establishment of the Fort Vancouver National Monument, Wash., to include a site of the old Hudson's Bay Co. stockade. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 715);

H. R. 5983, to remove present restriction on appointments to the Navy Medical Service Corps. Signed June

19, 1948 (P. L. 716);

H. R. 6073, providing for acquisition of certain graz-

ing lands. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 717);

H. R. 6110, to authorize Canadian vessels to land halibut in Alaskan ports. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 718);

H. R. 6113, transfer of certain land in Langlade County, Wis., to the U. S. Forest Service. Signed June

19, 1948 (P. L. 719);

H. R. 6114, to amend title I of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, to increase the rate of interest on title I loans, provide for redemption of nondelinquent insured mortgages, and authorize advances for preservation and protection of the insured loan security. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 720);

H. R. 6229, authorizing extension of leases of certain land in Hawaii. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 721);

H. R. 6234, establishment of internships in VA's Medicine and Surgery Department. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 722);

H. R. 6339, amending Public Health Service Act relating to standards of maintenance and operation for hospital receiving aid under that title. Signed June 19,

1948 (P. L. 723);

H. R. 6430, District of Columbia appropriations for 1949. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 724);

H. R. 6489, to authorize temporary free importation

of lead. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 725);

H. R. 6716, to authorize transfer of a portion of VA center at Los Angeles to University of California. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 726);

H. R. 6758, Treasury and Post Office supplemental appropriations for 1949. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L.

S. 2642, to amend District of Columbia Parking Act relative to off-street parking. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 728);

H. R. 5820, aiding in the development of improved prosthetic appliances for veterans. Signed June 19, 1948

(P. L. 729):

H. R. 4663, relative to jurisdiction of U. S. district court, middle district of Georgia, with respect to claims of land at Camp Wheeler, Ga. Signed June 19, 1948 (P. L. 730);

H. R. 6368, providing for the issuance of a special postage stamp on dedication of Palomar Mountain Observatory. Signed June 21, 1948 (P. L. 731);

S. 1933, to convey certain lands to School District 55 in Roosevelt County, Mont. Signed June 21, 1948 (P. L.

S. 1000, to safeguard and consolidate certain areas in Superior National Forest, Minn. Signed June 21, 1948 (P. L. 733);

H. R. 5822, establishing the Saratoga National His-

torical Park. Signed June 22, 1948 (P. L. 734);

H. R. 6239, to provide for the suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims in Alaska held by location in the U.S. Signed June 22, 1948 (P. L. 735);

H. R. 6246, authorizing transfer of certain Federal lands within the Chopawamsic Park and to change the name of said park to Prince William Forest Park. Signed June 22, 1948 (P. L. 736);

H. R. 6289, providing for voluntary admission and treatment of mental patients at St. Elizabeths Hospital.

Signed June 22, 1948 (P. L. 737);

S. 2122, to authorize the Coast Guard to maintain and operate ocean stations. Signed June 22, 1948 (P. L. 738);

H. R. 4964, preserving seniority rights of 10-pointpreference eligibles changing positions within postal

service. Signed June 22, 1948 (P. L. 739);

H. R. 5272, relating to compensation of certain railway postal clerks. Signed June 22, 1948 (P. L. 740);

S. 1493, to give Civil Service Commission final decision as to eligibility under Veterans' Preference Act. Signed June 22, 1948 (P. L. 741);

H. R. 5071, extending public-land laws to islands in Red River, Okla. Signed June 22, 1948 (P. L. 742);

H. R. 2588, requiring use of Government-owned motor vehicles in delivery of mail under certain conditions. Signed June 23, 1948 (P. L. 743);

H. R. 6766, to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937, to increase certain annuities, and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act with respect to taxes levied thereunder. Signed June 23, 1948 (P. L. 744);

S. 1266, amending D. C. Code, relative to admissibility of testimony. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 745);

S. 2508, to increase salary of Coordinator of Federal Agencies in Puerto Rico. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 746);

H. R. 2867, permitting mining locations under U. S. mining laws within the game sanctuary of the Harney National Forest. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 747);

H. R. 3889, to amend Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), parts I and II, to establish a presumption of service connection for chronic and tropical diseases. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 748);

H. R. 4071, to amend the Food and Drug Act, to authorize seizure of adulterated or misbranded products.

Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 749);

H. R. 5275, to permit free entry of crude or broken limestone to be used in manufacture of fertilizer. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 750);

H. R. 6188, conferring jurisdiction over Fort Des Moines Veterans' Village upon the State of Iowa.

Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 751);

H. R. 6698, relative to admission of Filipinos to the U. S. Naval Academy. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 752);

H. R. 6772, Navy appropriations for 1949. Signed

June 24, 1948 (P. L. 753);

S. J. Res. 203, to ratify contract for purchase of certain mineral land from the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 754);

H. R. 6726, providing for a National Institute of Dental Research. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 755);

S. 2192, to provide for the issuance of free passes on railroads to official watch inspectors. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 756);

S. 2237, to increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation

Act. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 757);

S. 2505, to clarify the position of Air Force Secretary and to authorize Secretaries of Army, Navy, Air Force, and Secretary of Defense to establish certain positions in professional and scientific service. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 758);

S. 2655, Selective Service Act of 1948. Signed June

24, 1948 (P. L. 759);

S. 2706, to authorize lease of certain space in Lafayette Building in D. C. by FWA. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 760);

H. R. 239, relative to consolidation of the Lighthouse Service with the Coast Guard. Signed June 24, 1948

(P. L. 761);

H. R. 4962, providing pensions for certain widows of Spanish-American War veterans. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 762);

H. R. 5036, to authorize Marine Band attendance at 1948 national assembly of the Marine Corps League.

Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 763);

H. R. 5936, addition of certain surplus Federal lands to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga Military Park, Ga. and Tenn. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 764);

H. R. 6318, to amend the Standard Time Act relative to placing a certain portion of the State of Idaho in the third time zone. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 765);

H. R. 6771, national military appropriations for 1949. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 766);

H. R. 6822, to extend for 1 year the terms of two additional Assistant Secretaries of State. Signed June 24, 1948 (P. L. 767);

H. R. 6641, to provide annuities for certain surviving spouses of annuitants retired prior to April 1, 1948.

Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 768);

H. J. Res. 433, to authorize free entry of certain railroad equipment under certain conditions from France. Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 769);

H. R. 4659, confirming certain oil contracts negotiated by Treasury. Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 770);

H. R. 6412, codification and enactment into law of title 3 of the U. S. Code. Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 771);

H. R. 3190, to codify and enact into positive law title 18 of the U. S. Code entitled "Crimes and Criminal Proce-

dure." Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 772);

H. R. 3214, to revise, codify, and enact into law title 28 of the U. S. Code, entitled "Judicial Code and Judiciary." Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 773);

S. 2242, to authorize admission of displaced persons.

Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 774);

S. 2401, to provide for military justice within the Air Force. Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 775);

S. 2675, to amend the Organic Act of Puerto Rico.

Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 776);

S. 2770, fixing the rank of the assistant to the Chief of Engineers in charge of river and harbor and flood-control improvements. Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 777);

H. J. Res. 297, increasing the sum of \$30,000 for statue of Commodore John Barry for presentation to Eire. Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 778);

H. R. 945, relative to pay of jurors in the U. S. courts.

Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 779);

H. R. 2766, relative to probation system in U. S. courts. Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 780);

H. R. 4114, authorizing certain expenditures from appropriations of the Public Health Service. Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 781);

H. R. 5524, Army-civil functions appropriations for

1949. Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 782);

H. R. 5886, to amend the Nationality Act of 1940 relative to petition for citizenship. Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 783);

H. R. 6293, providing that certain fees collected by the Archivist shall be available for disbursement in the interest of the National Archives. Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 784);

H. R. 6935, second deficiency appropriations for 1948. Signed June 25, 1948 (P. L. 785);

S. 1853, authorizing the Coast Guard to maintain aids to navigation. Signed June 26, 1948 (P. L. 786);

S. 2186, relating to yachts belonging to yacht clubs. Signed June 26, 1948 (P. L. 787);

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- S. 2591, acceptance of statue of Gen. Jose Gervasio Artigas from Uruguay. Signed June 26, 1948 (P. L. 788);
- H. J. Res. 190, authorizing the printing and binding of Cannon's House Procedure. Signed June 26, 1948 (P. L. 789);
- H. R. 3218, to authorize an emergency fund for the Bureau of Reclamation to assure the continuous operation of its irrigation and power systems. Signed June 26, 1948 (P. L. 790);
- H. R. 6039, authorizing permanent appointment in each the Regular Army and Regular Air Force of one officer in the grade of general. Signed June 26, 1948 (P. L. 791);
- H. R. 6556, extending for 1 year the provisions of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act. Signed June 26, 1948 (P. L. 792);
- H. R. 6801, foreign-aid appropriations for 1949. Signed June 28, 1948 (P. L. 793);
- S. J. Res. 177, providing for U. S. participation in the Pan American Railway Congress. Signed June 28, 1948 (P. L. 794);
- H. R. 5053, to provide for the establishment of the Philadelphia National Historical Park. Signed June 28, 1948 (P. L. 795);
- H. R. 5710, providing for the disposal of temporary housing. Signed June 28, 1948 (P. L. 796);
- S. 2849, to authorize VA to convey strip of land to Washington County, Ark. Signed June 28, 1948 (P. L. 797);
- H. R. 4330, authorizing State Department to perform certain consular-type functions within the U. S. Signed June 28, 1948 (P. L. 798);
- H. R. 4367, relative to railroad toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Hidalgo, Tex. Signed June 28, 1948 (P. L. 799);
- H. R. 4635, amending regulations relating to barbers in D. C. Signed June 28, 1948 (P. L. 800);
- H. R. 4690, permitting Canadian vessels to transport certain merchandise between Hyder, Alaska, and the U. S. Signed June 28, 1948 (P. L. 801);
- H. R. 4917, providing further benefits for World War II veterans who are Federal employees and lost opportunity for probational civil-service appointments due to military service or service-connected disabilities. Signed June 28, 1948 (P. L. 802);
- H. R. 6448, to authorize the VA to convey land in Tennessee to the city of Johnson City. Signed June 28, 1948 (P. L. 803);
- H. R. 6707, to amend the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 with regard to retirement. Signed June 28, 1948 (P. L. 804);
- S. 1087, to authorize use of REA loans to municipalities for payment of debts to TVA. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 805);

- S. 1322, to grant Federal charter to the Commodity Credit Corporation. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 806);
- S. 2739, issuance of stamp commemorative of two-hundredth anniversary of founding of Alexandria, Va. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 807);
- S. 2747, to amend the Canal Zone Code for the purpose of incorporating the Panama Railroad Company. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 808);
- S. J. Res. 158, authorizing stamps commemorative of eighty-fifth anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 809);
- H. R. 2744, retirement of Regular Army officers and equalization of retirement benefits for members of the AUS. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 810);
- H. R. 6634, issuance of special stamps honoring originator of Flanders Field memorial poppy idea. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 811);
- H. J. Res. 305, issuance of special stamps commemorative of fiftieth anniversary of Rough Riders of Spanish-American War. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 812);
- S. 2225, to transfer administration of the Federal Credit Union Act to FSA. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 813);
- S. J. Res 202, to change the name of Potholes Dam in the Columbia Basin project to O'Sullivan Dam. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 814);
- S. 3, to provide for the training of air-traffic-control-tower operators. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 815);
- S. 239, relating to the Board of Visitors of the Naval Academy and postgraduate school. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 816);
- S. 1107, to authorize permanent arming of American vessels in time of national emergency. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 817);
- S. 1447, requiring humane treatment of imported wild animals and birds. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 818);
- S. 2281, to provide for an air parcel-post service. Signed June 27, 1948 (P. L. 819);
- S. 2376, to provide a revolving fund to purchase agricultural commodities for processing in occupied areas. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 820);
- S. 2621, authorizing the extension of the functions and duties of Federal Prison Industries, Inc., to military disciplinary barracks. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 821);
- S. 2676, to convey parcel of land to the University of Minnesota. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 822);
- S. 2698, to authorize transfer of horses and equipment owned by U. S. Army to New Mexico Military Institute. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 823);
- S. 2830, authorizing the RFC to continue to operate a tin-smelting plant in Texas City, Tex. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 824);
- S. 2877, to provide disaster loans especially for housing in flooded areas of Washington and Oregon, to be

financed through Disaster Loan Corporation of the RFC. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 825);

H. J. Res. 421, directing investigation of parking-lot situation in D. C. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 826);

H. J. Res. 427, correcting act establishing the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 827);

H. J. Res. 428, providing time extension for credit claim or refund with respect to war losses. Signed June 29,

1948 (P. L. 828);

H. R. 2239, authorizing sale or lease to State governments of surplus property for use in training civilian components of the Army. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 829);

H. R. 4816, to provide a minimum allotment of \$250,000 to each State for construction of hospitals. Signed

June 29, 1948 (P. L. 830);

H. R. 5734, to authorize the VA to convey certain land to Cheyenne, Wyo. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 831);

H. R. 5750, to provide for extension and improvement of post-office facilities at Los Angeles. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 832);

H. R. 5861, to convey certain lands to the State of

Oklahoma. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 833);

H. R. 5888, to provide Federal aid for highways.

Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 834);

H. R. 6028, appropriations for Bureau of Reclamation for school districts on certain projects during their construction status. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 835);

H. R. 6089, amending an act (P. L. 134) to correct an inequity affecting incumbent postmasters in certain post

offices. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 836);

H. R. 6452, providing reimbursement to D. C. by private enterprise requiring special police and fire assign-

ments. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 837);

H. R. 6507, to amend the National Service Life Insurance Act to authorize renewal of level-premium term insurance for a second 5-year period. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 838);

H. R. 6527, extending the period for providing assistance to certain school agencies still overburdened with war-incurred school enrollments. Signed June 29,

1948 (P. L. 839);

H. R. 6860, to amend the Federal Airport Act to premit Administrator to indemnify local airports for damage done by Federal agencies. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 840);

H. R. 6705, Interior Department appropriations for

1949. Signed June 29, 1948 (P. L. 841);

S. J. Res. 37, to proclaim February 1 as National Freedom Day. Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 842);

S. J. Res. 117, providing for U. S. acceptance of the amendment to the constitution of the International Labor Organization. Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 843);

S. J. Res. 206, to authorize compact over boundaries between Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 844);

S. 418, to provide for the control of stream pollution.

Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 845);

S. 1820, conferring jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation. Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 846);

S. 2371, validating certain conveyances to Oregon Short Line Railroad Co. and Union Pacific Railroad

Co. Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 847);

S. 2510, authorizing certain administrative expenses in Post Office Department, including pneumatic-tube

systems. Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 848);

S. 2692, to terminate retirement system of Office of Comptroller of Currency and transfer same to civil-service retirement and disability fund. Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 849);

S. 2730, to credit, in certain cases, military service and training preparatory thereto performed by employees of the postal service. Signed June 30, 1948

(P. L. 850);

H. R. 2006, acquisition of lands, Mammoth Cave National Park, Ky. Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 851);

H. R. 2878, to revise the roll of Indians of California.

Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 852);

H. R. 4856, to delay liquidation of mineral rights reserved to U. S. as required by Farmers Home Administration Act of 1946. Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 853);

H. R. 5416, to promote the interests of the Fort Hall Indian irrigation project in Idaho. Signed June 30,

1948 (P. L. 854);

H. R. 5904, to incorporate the Virgin Islands Cor-

poration. Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 855);

H. R. 6090, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents for lands held under color of title. Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 856);

H. R. 6162, increasing import duties on beer. Signed

June 30, 1948 (P. L. 857);

H. R. 6419, authorizing construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors for navigation and flood control. Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 858);

H. R. 6465, to provide for construction and financing of toll bridges over Delaware River. Signed June 30,

1948 (P. L. 859);

H. R. 6481, Government corporations appropriations.

Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 860);

H. R. 6598, amending the act providing for insanity proceedings in the D. C. Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 861);

H. R. 6829, independent offices supplemental appropriations for 1949. Signed June 30, 1948 (P. L. 862);

H. R. 3566, to amend the Immigration Act relative to deportation of deportable aliens. Signed July 1, 1948 (P. L. 863);

S. 2790, to provide a secondary market for veterans' home loans, and to promote veterans' housing. Signed July 1, 1948 (P. L. 864);

S. 2861, to provide medical care and treatment for certain Philippine veterans. Signed July 1, 1948 (P. L. 865);

S. J. Res. 219, to continue until March 1, 1949, authority of the Maritime Commission to provide for certain ocean transportation services with Alaska. Signed

July 1, 1948 (P. L. 866);

S. 2341, to authorize an additional \$100,000, in annual appropriations for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory. Signed July 1, 1948 (P. L. 867);

S. 2825, increasing compensation to surviving children of deceased veterans whose deaths were wartime-service-connected. Signed July 1, 1948 (P. L. 868);

H. J. Res. 429, relating to marital deduction, for estate-tax purposes, in case of insurance or annuity. Signed July 1, 1948 (P. L. 869);

H. R. 2352, sale of interests in estates of deceased Crow Tribe Indians. Signed July 1, 1948 (P. L. 870);

H. R. 4272, to furnish headstones or markers for graves of honorably discharged members of the armed forces, including Union and Confederate. Signed July 1, 1948 (P. L. 871);

H. R. 4435, to amend the CAA of 1938 by redefining certain powers of the Administrator. Signed July 1,

1948 (P. L. 872);

H. R. 5355, providing per capita payments to Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians from proceeds of lumber sale. Signed July 1, 1948 (P. L. 873);

H. R. 6116, relative to statute of limitations on claims filed pursuant to Trading With the Enemy Act in cases involving property vested in World War II. Signed July 1, 1948 (P. L. 874);

H. R. 5252, relative to toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Tex. Signed July 2, 1948

(P. L. 875);

S. 595, providing rates of compensation for disabilities incurred in active military or naval service. Signed July 2, 1948 (P. L. 876);

S. 2821, to increase compensation for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities who have dependents.

Signed July 2, 1948 (P. L. 877);

H. R. 3416, to provide for establishment of the Pensacola National Monument, Fla. Signed July 2, 1948 (P.L. 878);

H. R. 6454, to provide annuities for Federal investigatory personnel with 20 years of service. Signed July 2,

1948 (P. L. 879);

S. 1260, to provide for settlement of claims for damages resulting from Federal operation of 103 motor

carriers. Signed July 2, 1948 (P. L. 880);

S. 1683, conferring jurisdiction on the courts of New York with respect to offenses committed on Indian reservations within State. Signed July 2, 1948 (P. L. 881);

S. 1969, to amend the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946 relating to the training of Filipinos in public health. Signed July 2, 1948 (P. L. 882);

S. 2554, to provide for retention and maintenance of a national reserve of industrial productive capacity.

Signed July 2, 1948 (P. L. 883);

S. 2743, regarding claims filed by Ute Indians. Signed July 2, 1948 (P. L. 884);

H. R. 3735, to convey Santa Rosa Island, Fla., to Okaloosa County. Signed July 2, 1048 (P. L. 885):

H. R. 3999, to adjudicate certain claims resulting from evacuation of certain persons of Japanese ancestry under military orders. Signed July 2, 1948 (P. L. 886);

H. R. 4462, conveyance of certain land in Park County

to Wyoming. Signed July 2, 1948 (P. L. 887);

H. R. 5508, extending benefits of Veterans' Preference Act to certain mothers of veterans. Signed July 2, 1948 (P. L. 888);

H. R. 5882, to authorize the Secretaries of the Army. Navy, and Air Force to donate surplus property for educational purposes. Signed July 2, 1948 (P. L. 889);

H. R. 6096, making available Government-owned alcohol plants at Muscatine, Iowa, Kansas City, Mo., and Omaha, Nebr., for making of products from agricultural commodities. Signed July 2, 1948 (P. L. 890);

H. R. 6633, authorizing exchange of land and interests therein between city of San Diego and U.S. Signed

July 2, 1948 (P. L. 891);

S. 1243, to pay certain funds to Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. Signed July 3, 1948 (P. L. 892);

S. 2767, to provide assistance in the recruitment and distribution of farm labor. Signed July 3, 1948 (P. L.

893);

H. J. Res. 327, issuing stamp commemorative of Juliette Low, founder and organizer of Girl Scouts. Signed July 3, 1948 (P. L. 894);

H. R. 2798, amending Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, regarding State conversion of Federal savings and loan associations. Signed July 3, 1948 (P. L. 895);

H. R. 4044, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act to create a commission to study and report to Congress with respect to war claims. Signed July 3, 1948 (P. L. 896);

H. R. 6248, to provide for a coordinated long-range farm program. Signed July 3, 1948 (P. L. 897);

H. R. 6402, to extend the time of expiration date of terms of members of the Atomic Energy Commission from August 1, 1948, to June 30, 1950. Signed July 3, 1948 (P. L. 898);

H. R. 6808, to permit refund or credit to brewers for taxes paid on beer losses in bottling operations. Signed

July 3, 1948 (P. L. 899); and

H. R. 6916, providing pay increase for Federal and postal employees. Signed July 3, 1948 (P. L. 900).

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF 80TH CONGRESS

The following are tables on nominations and legislative activity, run monthly in the DAILY DIGEST.

The first table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

The second table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the House and Senate during this session, January 6, 1948, through June 19, 1948.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 6-JUNE 19, 1948

RECEIVED FROM JANUARY 6-JUNE 19,	1948
Postmaster nominations, totaling 1,373, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	523
Withdrawn	20
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	830
Army nominations, totaling 5,351, disposed of as	030
follows:	A SERVERE
	5, 351
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	None
Air Force nominations, totaling 1,238, disposed of	
as follows:	AND DIRECTOR
Confirmed	1,238
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	None
Unconfirmed	
follows:	ROS BEA
Confirmed	4, 252
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	1
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 849, disposed of	
as follows: .	
Confirmed	849
Withdrawn	None
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	None
Civilian nominations other than postmasters, totaling	
2,807, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2, 728
Withdrawn	1
Rejected	None
Unconfirmed	78
Summary	
Total nominations received	15, 871
Total rejected	None
Total withdrawn	21
Total unconfirmed	909
Total confirmed	14, 941
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DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 6 through June 19, 1948

	Senate	House	Total
Days in session	102	. 101	
Time in session	591 hrs., 30'	514 hrs., 49'	
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	4, 743	4,777	9, 520
Appendix			4,858
Public bills enacted into law	189	316	505
Private bills enacted into law	110	, 217	327
Bills in conference	was lating		**1
Bills through conference		3000.0	80
Measures passed, total	1,048	1, 167	
Senate bills	358	289	
House bills	531	624	
Senate joint resolutions	27	21	
House joint resolutions	27	32	
Senate concurrent resolu-	distribution of the last	Dom Halle	
tions	16	12	
House concurrent resolu-			
tions	27	28	
Simple resolutions	62	161	223
Measures reported, total	*1,096	1,074	
Senate bills	407	214	
House bills	522	654	4 5-5
Senate joint resolutions	33	9	
House joint resolutions	27	41	
Senate concurrent resolu-			
tions	16	6	
House concurrent resolu-			
tions	27	15	
Simple resolutions	64	135	199
Special reports	20	66	
Conference reports			74
Reported measures not acted			
on	**76	**146	104
Measures introduced, total	1, 144	2,727	3, 871
Bills	973	2, 199	3, 172
Joint resolutions	65	151	216
Concurrent resolutions	22	90	112
Simple resolutions	84	287	371
Quorum calls	223	51	274
Yea-and-nay votes	102	75	177
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*These figures on measures reported include all placed on calendar or acted on by Senate even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 963 reports has been filed in the Senate; a total of 1,214 has been filed in the House.

**This figure does not agree with the total difference between bills reported and bills passed, because resolutions and bills placed on the House Calendar without having been formally reported were not included in figures of measures reported to the House; the difference in the case of Senate figures is due to uncounted bills "laid on the table" or "indefinitely postponed." These data include bills on calendar and in conference at the end of the first session.

Monday, July 26, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Congress reassembled in continuation of the second session of the Eightieth Congress.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 9353-9362

Bills Introduced: One resolution was introduced, as follows: S. Res. 266.

Presidential Proclamation: Proclamation of the President reconvening the Congress was read. Page 9353

Notification of President: Senate adopted S. Res. 266, authorizing appointment of two Senators to join with a committee of the House to notify the President that a quorum of each House had reassembled. Senators Wherry and Barkley were named to this committee.

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Committee Meetings

IMMIGRATION—VISAS—DP's

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization conducted three hearings as follows:

William J. Chisholm, adjutant of the Regular Veterans Association, presented on behalf of William M. Floyd, national commander of that association, a statement recommending a tightening up of immigration restrictions instead of liberalizing them. Hearing continues tomorrow.

Robert J. Cavanaugh, of the Visa Division of the State Department, discussed the general work of that Division, with particular reference to false and fraudulent documents used by some DP's from Germany and Austria. James W. Morgan, also connected with the Visa Division, testified on statistical and budgetary matters affecting that Division. The hearing recessed subject to call of the chairman.

Herman J. Landon, Assistant Commissioner for Administrative Services, and Charles A. Waller, fiscal officer, both of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, testified on the personnel and cost situation of that Service. Hearing continues tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Nine public bills, H. R. 7031–7039; three private bills, H. R. 7040–7042; and two resolutions, H. Con. Res. 220 and H. Res. 702, were introduced.

Pages 9373, 9374, 9386-9387

Notification of President: Adopted H. Res. 702, authorizing appointment of three Members to join with a similar committee of the Senate to notify the President that a quorum of each House has assembled. Repre-

sentatives Halleck, Arends, and McCormack were named by the Speaker to serve on this committee.

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Joint Session: Agreed to H. Con. Res. 220, resolving that the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives Tuesday, July 27, 1948, at 12:30 p. m., for the purpose of receiving such communications as the President shall be pleased to make.

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Bills Referred: Thirty-four Senate-passed bills, passed on June 19, were referred to appropriate committees.

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Tuesday, July 27, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses heard the President in joint session.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 9439-9440

Presidential Message: Senate met in joint session with the House to hear the President's speech recommending the enactment of various legislative proposals.

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Joint Session: Senate adopted H. Con. Res. 220, authorizing a joint session to receive President's message.

Pages 9439-9440

Committee Meetings

IMMIGRATION—DP's

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization conducted two hearings as follows:

Bruce Mohler, National Catholic Welfare Conference, testified in favor of relaxation of immigration laws, to admit members of recognized religious groups as nurses and teachers, and to remove any restrictions in such laws on the basis of race. Clarence E. Pickett, American Friends Service Committee, favored continuous flow of immigration and a flexible administration of the quota system. Julian Cornell, delegate of the National Peace Conference, criticized the recently enacted DP law on the ground that it does not allow enough admissions and that the cut-off date should be advanced to April 1949. Hearing continues tomorrow.

Herman J. Landon, Assistant Commissioner for Administrative Services, Immigration and Naturalization Service, continued his testimony on the personnel and cost situation of that service. Hearing continues tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Nine public bills, H. R. 7043-7051; three private bills, H. R. 7052-7054; and five resolutions, H. J. Res. 436 and 437, H. Con. Res. 221, and H. Res. 703 and 704, were introduced.

Bill Reported: One report was made as follows:

H. R. 954, permitting suspension of weekly publications for not more than two issues in any one calendar year without loss of second-class mailing privileges (H. Rept. 2450).

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Presidential Message: In joint session both Houses heard the President recommend the enactment of certain legislation. The message was ordered to be printed as a House document (H. Doc. 734). Pages 9441-9443

Joint Committee Meetings

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Joint Meeting of Committees on Armed Services: At an informal meeting held by members of the House and Senate Committees on Armed Services, who had served as conferees on the Selective Service Act of 1948, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service, explained the procedure to be used in establishing priority of call of men under that act. General Hershey explained that it is contemplated inducting men from the 19-26 age group in inverse order of date of birth. After hearing General Hershey, the members of the joint meeting interposed no objection to plan as outlined.

Wednesday, July 28, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate heard speeches by several Senators.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 9446-9460

Bills Introduced: Twelve bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2898-2909; S. J. Res. 236 and 237; S. Con. Res. 60; and S. Res. 267-270.

Pages 9454, 9454-9455, 9468-9475, 9476

Appointment of Pages: Senate adopted S. Res. 268, authorizing the Sergeant at Arms to employ 21 pages during the special session of Congress. Pages 9454-9455

Washington and Lee: Senators Robertson of Virginia, Byrd, Saltonstall, and Revercomb were appointed to the Washington and Lee University Bicentennial Commission in pursuance of Public Law 636 of the Eightieth Congress.

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Civil Aircraft: The afternoon session was devoted to speeches on various subjects, with S. 2644, to provide for the development of civil transport aircraft adaptable for auxiliary military service, the pending business.

Pages 9460, 9476

Committee Meetings

IMMIGRATION-DP's

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization continued its studies conducting two hearings, as follows:

The group meeting to receive immigration views of private organizations heard Charles E. Babcock, chairman, national legislative committee, national council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, and James L. Wilmeth, national secretary of the same order, urge the cutting of quotas of all countries by 50 percent across the board, modifying existing law to make quotas noncumulative, and a general tightening up of the immigration laws. Naomi E. Swann, past national counselor, Daughters of America, recommended the suspension of all quotas of all countries who refused to accept deportees of their nationals, and made similar recommendations submitted by the above two witnesses. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Willard F. Kelley, Assistant Commissioner for Enforcement; W. W. Wiggins, Chief, Investigation Section; and E. J. Shaughnessy, special assistant to the Commissioner, all of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, appeared before the group holding hearings on administration of Immigration and Naturalization Service with respect to admission, exclusion, and deportation of aliens in this country. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 29, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

PETROLEUM INVESTIGATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Resumed public hearings in its investigation of petroleum and steel exports and received testimony from the following members of the Armed Services Petroleum Board: Admiral Edwin Foster, Commander Carl Dresher, Col.

G. H. Vogel, and Capt. Ralph Wilson. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

FCC INVESTIGATION

Select Committee To Investigate the Federal Communications Commission: Announced that open hearings will be held August 5 and 6 on the Port Huron decision. By this decision the Commission held that stations have no right to censor libelous or slanderous statements in political broadcasts even though a station might be liable under State law for permitting such statements to go over the air. Witnesses from the Commission and the radio industry are scheduled to appear.

Thursday, July 29, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate began debate on anti-poll-tax question. House committee opened hearings on price control.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 9478-9480

Bills Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2910 to S. 2914; S. Res. 271.

Pages 9477, 9478

Condolence Resolution: Senate adopted S. Res. 271, expressing condolence on the death of former Senator James E. Watson, of Indiana.

Pages 9477-9478

Anti-Poll Tax: Senate debated motion to consider H. R. 29, to make unlawful the payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite to voting in a primary or other election for national officers. The motion remained pending at recess.

Pages 9480-9481, 9488-9509

Nominations: Senate received nominations as follows: 99 Civilian, 76 Army, 353 Air Force. Pages 9509-9516

Committee Meetings

CONSUMER CREDIT AND BANK RESERVES

Committee on Banking and Currency: In open hearings on the general subject of cost of living, inflation, and other related matters, the committee received testimony from Thomas B. McCabe, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, and Marriner S. Eccles, former Chairman. Mr. McCabe submitted a proposed bill to the committee to aid in controlling inflation involving the regulation of consumer credit and increasing bank reserves. He then discussed the economic problems involved in this proposed legislation. Mr. Eccles also directed his testimony to the same subjects. Hearings continue tomorrow.

WHEAT AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in executive session to consider the international wheat agreement, and agreed to meet again Monday to hear the Secretary of Agriculture discuss the problem, in closed session.

IMMIGRATION-DP's

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization continued its studies, conducting two different hearings, as follows:

The group studying administration of the Immigration and Naturalization Service heard Willard F. Kelley, Assistant Commissioner for Enforcement; W. W. Wiggins, Chief, Investigation Section; and E. J. Shaughnessy, special assistant to the Commissioner, continue their testimony with respect to admission, exclusion, and deportation of aliens in this country, devoting their attention particularly to control of visitors and seamen. Hearings continue tomorrow.

The other group, receiving testimony on immigration views of private organizations, heard several witnesses as follows: Guy Irving Burch, of the Population Reference Bureau, furnished the committee with information on immigration and its effect on our Nation with respect to its dwindling natural resources. Michele Cimbalo, representing the American Labor Party, recommended that the law which permits the deportation of citizens on the grounds of political belief and associations be repealed; that Congress defeat any bills calling for annual registration of noncitizens or establishment of concentration camps for groups of aliens, and similar proposals; that Congress enact legislation to eliminate religious and political discriminations in the existing Displaced Persons Act, and liberalize quota provisions for DP's. William S. Bernard, National Committee on Immigration Policy, urged the enactment of legislation to increase quotas, to provide for flexibility of the quota system, to prohibit basis of occupation for the selection of immigration, to remove racial discrimination, and to enact an immigration policy which would take into consideration domestic needs and the responsibilities as a world power. George Pirinsky, executive secretary, National Committee of American Slav Congress, also submitted recommendations similar to the ones by Mr. Bernard. Walter Erb, Chief of Farm Placement Service, USES of FSA, discussed the administrative procedure used in recruiting farm labor and its relation to the immigration laws. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-two public bills, H. R. 7056-7077; ten private bills, H. R. 7078-7087; and six resolutions, H. J. Res. 438-441 and H. Res. 705 and 706, were introduced.

Speeches—Eulogies: Heard 1-minute speeches, eulogies to the memory of former United States Senator James E. Watson, of Indiana, and sundry addresses under special orders.

Pages 9516-9549

Committee Meetings

PRICE CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Opened public hearings on subject of price control. Paul A. Porter, special assistant to the President and former Chief, OPA, urged enactment of legislation which will put into effect the recommendations to curb high prices and inflation which were submitted by the President to the Congress at the joint session on Tuesday, July 27. He will continue his testimony tomorrow.

Friday, July 30, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate on anti-poll-tax bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 9551-9554

Bills Introduced: One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 2915.

President's Economic Report: Senate received Midyear 1948 Economic Report of the President, together with a report of the economic situation at midyear 1948 by the Council of Economic Advisers—referred to Joint Committee on the Economic Report. Pages 9562-9577

Anti-Poll Tax: Senate continued debate on motion to bring up H. R. 29, to make unlawful the payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite to voting in a primary or other election for national officers.

Pages 9551, 9554-9562, 9577-9589

Nominations: Received five civilian nominations.

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Committee Meetings

INFLATION CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Committee continued its study of the cost of living, inflation, and other related matters, with Secretary of the Treasury Snyder testifying in support of S. 2910, to aid in controlling inflation, involving the regulation of consumer credit, bank reserves, prices and wages, priorities and allocations, and rent control.

Marriner S. Eccles, former Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, continued his testimony on control of consumer credit, increased bank reserves, and economic problems involved. Hearings continue Monday.

COMMUNISTS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Its Investigations Subcommittee, in open hearings, received testimony from Miss Elizabeth Bentley, a one-time Communist espionage agent, as to her activities during the war. She pointed out that another such agent was still in the services of the Government. Thomas C. Blaisdell, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Commerce, was questioned concerning employment of such person. Hearings continue tomorrow.

MONOPOLY INVESTIGATION—BASING-POINT PRICES

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: A special subcommittee of this committee, appointed in pursuance of S. Res. 241, held an organizational meeting for the purpose of setting into motion the first phase of its investigation as authorized by S. Res. 241, to provide an additional \$50,000 for the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to investigate impact on consumers and business of recent Federal court decisions relative to regulation of trade practices in interstate and foreign commerce. The first phase of the investigation will be confined to the effects the decision of

the cement case, setting aside the basing-point price formula, will have on the competitive price structure of the country.

The subcommittee making the investigation consists of Senators Capehart, chairman, Brewster, Hawkes, Johnson, and McMahon.

After the meeting it was announced that the subcommittee is setting up an advisory council of 25 members representing labor, agriculture, buyers, and sellers of both heavy and light goods industries under the chairmanship of Dr. Melvin Thomas Copeland, director of business research for Harvard University's School of Business Administration. The subcommittee has appointed William Simon of the Chicago law firm of Miller, Gorham, Wescott, and Adams as its general counsel. Further meetings have not yet been scheduled.

IMMIGRATION-DP's

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization continued its studies, conducting two different hearings, as follows:

The group receiving testimony on immigration views by private organizations heard testimony from Richard Daniels, Matson Navigation Co., and Hallam M. Richardson, an attorney. Mr. Daniels recommended an amendment to section 148 of title VIII of the immigration law to relieve American citizens and nationals from the mass of paper work involved in ship-manifest procedure in passenger service between the U.S. and U.S. island possessions in the Pacific. Mr. Richardson suggested an amendment to the Alien Enemy Control Act of 1789 to clarify the law for the courts and for the issuance of procedure to be followed by the State and Justice Departments. Hearings continue tomorrow.

The group studying administration of the Immigration and Naturalization Service heard Willard F. Kelley, Assistant Commissioner for Enforcement; W. W. Wiggins, Chief, Investigation Section; and E. J. Shaughnessy, special assistant to the Commissioner, continue their testimony with respect to admission, exclusion, and deportation of aliens in this country, directing their attention particularly to control of visitors and

seamen. Hearings continue Monday.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, August 2, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

ANTI-INFLATION—PRICE CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Paul A. Porter, special assistant to the President, resumed his testimony at the hearings on anti-inflation and price controls. He was interrogated by the committee relative to the re-

quests for authority to roll back prices to November 1947 levels and other Executive recommendations for legislation as embodied in the address to Congress on July 27. Hearings continue Monday.

GERMAN-OCCUPATION INQUIRY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered adversely reported to the House, H. Res. 705, providing for an inquiry on agreements and conditions in Germany and relations with other occupying powers, particularly Soviet Russia. This action was determined in executive session of the committee.

Monday, August 2, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate on anti-poll-tax bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 9589-9597

Bills Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2916-S. 2922. Pages 9590-9591

Anti-Poll Tax: Senate debated motion to bring up H. R. 29, anti-poll-tax bill, acting on a petition to invoke the cloture rule on the motion to consider the bill. A point of order against the motion was sustained in a ruling by the President pro tempore, following which Senator Taft took an appeal from the decision of the Chair. The Senate then continued debate on the bill with the motion to take an appeal from the decision of the Chair as the pending question.

Pages 9597-9624, 9627-9629

Adjournment: By vote of 13 yeas to 58 nays, the Senate rejected S. Con. Res. 60, to adjourn the Congress until December 31, 1948, or until recalled by House and Senate leadership.

Pages 9624–9626

Nominations: Received 14 civilian nominations.

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Committee Meetings

INFLATION CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Paul A. Porter, special assistant to the President, testified before the Committee in support of S. 2910, to aid in controlling inflation, involving the regulation of consumer credit, bank reserves, prices and wages, priorities and allocations, and rent control. He also favored the enactment of S. 866, to establish and carry out a national housing policy. (This bill has already been passed by the Senate.) Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMUNISTS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Its subcommittee continued its hearings on communistic activities, with Louis S. Budenz, former editor of Daily Worker, discussing his own activities when a member of the Communist Party as well as the associations of Miss Elizabeth Bentley with the party. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in executive session to hear the Secretary of Agriculture discuss the proposed international wheat agreement. Committee will meet again tomorrow to hear him further on the same subject.

IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization continued its hearings on admission, exclusion, and deportation of aliens in this country in connection with its study of the administration of the Immigration and Naturalization Service with Willard F. Kelley, Assistant Commissioner for Enforcement; W. W. Wiggins, Chief, Investigation Section; and E. J. Shaughnessy, special assistant to the Commissioner, all of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, testifying. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Four public bills, H. R. 7088-7091, and six private bills, H. R. 7092-7097, were introduced.

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President's Economic Report: Received Midyear Economic Report of the President, which was referred to the Joint Committee on the Economic Report.

Pages 9639-9640

Permission To File Reports: The Committee on Rules and the Committee on Foreign Affairs were both granted permission to file reports by midnight August 3.

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Speeches: Heard 1-minute speeches and sundry addresses under special orders.

Pages 9630-9653

Committee Meetings

INFLATION CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued the public hearings on anti-inflation legislation and heard

Thomas B. McCabe, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Gov. R. M. Evans, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Mr. McCabe discussed the regulation of consumer credit and the requirements of increased bank reserves and recommended the application of increased bank reserves to all commercial banks and not just Federal Reserve banks. Mr. Evans appeared in support of legislation which would authorize the regulation of consumer installment credit.

D. C. EMPLOYEES

Committee on the District of Columbia: Postponed indefinitely the meeting scheduled for August 2 on H. R. 7065, requiring additional compensation payment to certain D. C. employees as authorized by the Postal Rate Revision and Federal Employees Salary Act of 1948.

COMMUNIST ESPIONAGE

Committee on Un-American Activities: Met in executive session and later announced that public hearings on the Communist espionage ring will start on August 3

with Whitaker Chambers, associate editor of Time magazine, as the first witness.

On Saturday, July 31, the committee heard Elizabeth T. Bentley, self-confessed former spy for the Communist Party, accuse former Government employees of divulg-

ing confidential information to members of the two spy rings with which she was connected.

Chairman Thomas announced plans to ask the U. S. district attorney for a special grand jury to hear evidence against the accused Government employees.

Tuesday, August 3, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate continued debate on anti-poll-tax bill.

UN headquarters bill approved by House committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 9653-9659

Bills Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2923 to 2. 2926; and S. Con. Res. 61.

Anti-Poll Tax: Senate continued debate on appeal from decision of the Chair sustaining point of order against petition to invoke cloture against motion to consider H. R. 29, anti-poll-tax bill.

Pages 9659-9660, 9665-9689, 9696-9709

Committee Meetings

INFLATION CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: The following four presidents of four Federal Reserve banks appeared before the committee to discuss the various monetary recommendations made by the President to control inflation, in connection with its hearings on proposed legislation on inflation control, involving the regulation of consumer credit, bank reserves, prices and wages, priorities and allocations, and rent control: Allan Sproul, Federal Reserve Bank of New York; Alfred H. Williams, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia; C. S. Young, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; and H. G. Leedy, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. All of them were in agreement that if Congress is to pass legislation authorizing the Federal Reserve banks to increase reserve requirements of member banks of the Federal Reserve System, it should also include nonmember banks. Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMUNISTS—ESPIONAGE

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Investigations Subcommittee continued its hearings on alleged Russian espionage activities within the Federal Government, hearing William Remington, Commerce Department employee, explain his contacts with Miss Elizabeth Bentley, an admitted former Communist espionage agent, and discuss certain ramifications of the Communist Party. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met again in executive session to hear Secretary of Agriculture conclude his discussion of the proposed international wheat agreement. Committee will meet again Thursday.

NATURALIZATION—ILLEGAL ENTRIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization continued its study with hearings being held by two groups, as follows:

At one meeting, Ruth Z. Murphy, secretary, National Council of Naturalization and Citizenship, proposed several changes in the naturalization laws, as suggested by members of that organization. Margaret L. Plunkett, a division chief in the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor, along with Sarah L. Buchanan, suggested certain revisions in the naturalization law because of alleged discriminations against women. Hearings continue tomorrow.

At the other session, Nick Collaer and Stanley Diana, both section chiefs in the Enforcement Division of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, testified on enforcement problems, manpower, placement, and problems of apprehending and detecting illegal entries on the Mexican and Canadian borders. Hearings continue Monday, August 9.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 4, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

INFLATION CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued the anti-inflation hearings by hearing Marriner S. Eccles, former Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, discuss control of consumer credit, increased bank reserves, and the economic problems involved. Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMUNISM, NEW YORK DEPARTMENT STORES

Committee on Education and Labor: The special subcommittee investigating violations of Taft-Hartley labor law and communistic activities in the distributive trades employed in New York City's large department stores resumed its public hearings on this subject, hearing Samuel Kovenetsky and Marcella Loring, president and vice president, respectively, and Roberta Felsen, administrative officer, of Local 1S, United Retail, Wholesale, and Department Stores Employees Union, CIO. Hearings continue tomorrow.

UN HEADQUARTERS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in executive session and ordered S. J. Res. 212, providing for a \$65 million

interest-free loan to the United Nations for a permanent headquarters in New York, reported to the House. The bill provides for repayment in 31 annual installments beginning July 1, 1951, and authorizes the RFC to advance \$25 million to commence construction.

QUESTIONABLE TRADE PRACTICES

Committee on Public Works: Macy Subcommittee To Investigate Questionable Trade Practices met in executive session to plan future activities and discussed the presentation of the report on the subcommittee's activities.

SUSPENSIONS AND RECESSES

Committee on Rules: Approved for reporting to the House H. Res. 707, making in order motions to suspend the rules, motions for recess, and consideration of reports from the Committee on Rules for balance of the second session of the Eightieth Congress.

COMMUNIST ESPIONAGE

Committee on Un-American Activities: Met and heard Whittaker Chambers, senior editor of Time magazine, identify several former Government employees as members of the Communist group. Mr. Chambers also outlined the set-up and activities of the Communist underground group prior to 1937. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FLIGHT TRAINING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met in executive session and heard various VA officials discuss flight training. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Wednesday, August 4, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Motion to consider anti-poll-tax bill displaced when Senate adjourned instead of recessing.

House committee voted to restore consumer credit regulations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 9709-9710

Bills Introduced: One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2927; and S. J. Res. 238.

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Anti-Poll Tax: Debate was continued in the Senate on consideration of H. R. 29, anti-poll-tax bill. Both the motion to consider and the motion to take an appeal from the decision of the Chair to the effect that cloture rule is not applicable to the motion to consider, were displaced when the Senate adjourned instead of recessing.

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Committee Meetings

INFLATION CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continuing its hearings on inflation control, the committee received testimony from Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan; Leon H Keyserling, President's Council of Economic Advisers; and Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer in support of the President's inflation-control program.

COMMUNISTS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: The Investigations Subcommittee was refused the loyalty test files on the Government employment of William Remington, Commerce Department employee, by Lawrence V. Meloy, executive secretary of the Government's Loyalty Review Board of the Civil Service Commission; Admiral T. V. Inglis, Chief of Naval Intelligence; Admiral C. C. Hartman, Assistant Chief of Bureau of Personnel; Admiral George L. Russell, Navy Judge Advocate; and Secretary of Navy John Sullivan.

The subcommittee requested the loyalty test files on Mr. Remington but the above witnesses refused to turn them over to the subcommittee in pursuance of their interpretation of an Executive order issued by President Truman on that subject. The three admirals and Secretary of the Navy were questioned about Mr. Remington's resignation of his Naval Reserve commission, on the basis that he had been requested to resign that commission. Hearings continue tomorrow.

IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization continued its hearings, receiving views on immigration from private organizations, with the following witnesses speaking generally on the immigration laws, suggesting changes in various sections of the law: Reid Lewis, executive director, and Frank L. Auerbach, editor, Interpreter Releases, both of Common Council for American Unity; and Abram Orlow, who submitted a statement on behalf of Frank Goldman, president, B'nai B'rith. Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Seventeen public bills, H. R. 7098-7114, four private bills, H. R. 7115-7118, and one resolution, H. J. Res. 442, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. Res. 707, providing for suspension of rules, calling of recesses, and consideration of reports of Committee on Rules for the balance of session (H. Rept. 2451).

S. J. Res. 212, providing for a \$65 million interest-free loan to the United Nations for a permanent headquarters in New York (H. Rept. 2452); and

Disposal of executive papers (H. Repts. 2453 and 2454).

Recess and Suspension Resolution: Adopted, by a vote of 216 yeas to 122 nays, H. Res. 707, making in order motions to suspend the rules, motions for recess, and consideration of reports from the Committee on Rules for the balance of the second session of the Eightieth Congress.

Pages 9761-9772

Permission to File Report: The Committee on Banking and Currency was granted permission to file, by midnight of August 4, a report on S. J. Res. 157 (H. Rept.

2455) to provide for the regulation of consumer installment credit for a temporary period.

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Presidential Message: Received report of National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Problems, covering its operation from October 1, 1947, to March 31, 1948, and describing the participation of the United States in the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for the above period. The report was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and printed as House Document No. 737.

Committee Meetings

INFLATION CONTROL

Committee on Banking and Currency: Ordered S. J. Res. 157 reported to the House. This resolution provides for the regulation of consumer installment credit until March 15, 1949. The measure was voted on in an executive meeting of the committee which followed a day-long open hearing during which John W. Snyder, Secretary of the Treasury, testified in support of H. R. 7062, dealing with parts of the President's program to regulate consumer credit and control inflationary bank credit. He was afterward interrogated by the commit-

tee on the subject of controls, increased bank reserves, and other economic problems.

COMMUNISM, NEW YORK DEPARTMENT STORES

Committee on Education and Labor: Hearings were concluded by the special subcommittee investigating violations of the Taft-Hartley labor law and communistic activities in the distributive trades employed by large department stores of New York City. The only witness to testify was Leon J. Davis, president, Local 1199, Retail Drugstore Employees Union of Greater New York, which is an affiliate of the United Retail, Wholesale, and Department Stores Employees Union, CIO. The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

COMMUNIST ESPIONAGE

Committee on Un-American Activities: Nathan G. Silvermaster, a former Government employee, was the first witness to testify at the third day's investigative hearings of Communist activities in the Government during the war. Miss Elizabeth T. Bentley, self-styled Communist spy, also testified. Louis Russell, committee investigator, presented the Civil Service Commission's record on Mr. Silvermaster. Hearings continue tomorrow.

FLIGHT TRAINING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held an executive meeting on the subject of flight training with various officials of the Veterans' Administration.

Thursday, August 5, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to vote on passage of housing bill tomorrow.

House passed inflation-control bill and cleared UN headquarters measure for White House.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 9786-9802

Bills Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2928–S. 2930; and S. J. Res. 239.

Bill Reported: Report was made as follows: H. R. 6959, Housing Act of 1948, with amendment (S. Rept. 1773).

International Organizations: The Subcommittee on Relations with International Organizations of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments was authorized to file its report during the recess or adjournment of the present session of Congress.

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Labor-Management Relations: Senate adopted S. J. Res. 239, to extend the deadline date for report of Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations from January 2, 1949, to March 1, 1949.

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Civil Aircraft: Upon conclusion of the morning business, Senate returned briefly to the consideration of S. 2644, to provide for the development of civil transport aircraft adaptable for auxiliary military service.

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Housing: Senate then temporarily laid aside S. 2644, development of civil transport aircraft adaptable for auxiliary military service, and took up H. R. 6959, Housing Act of 1948. Senator McCarthy submitted an amendment in the nature of a substitute to the committee-reported version of H. R. 6959, which the committee had approved after substituting the language of S. 866, as amended, for the House-approved version of H. R. 6959. It was agreed that the Senate would vote tomorrow at 1 p. m. on final passage of H. R. 6959, and on any pending or proposed amendments thereto, and that all amendments shall be germane.

Pages 9834-9846, 9855-9872, 9874

Nominations: Received nine civilian appointments in the UN.

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Committee Meetings

LIVESTOCK FARMERS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: Committee, in executive session, voted not to report S. 2905, to provide up to \$5 million for emergency relief of livestock farmers in drought-stricken areas.

HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: By a vote of 7 to 5, the committee voted to report H. R. 6959, Housing Act

of 1948, after striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting an amended version of S. 866, to establish and carry out a national housing policy. As approved by the committee, the bill is approximately the same as the version of S. 866 passed by the Senate on April 22, 1948. Committee meets again tomorrow.

COMMUNISTS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Investigations Subcommittee continued its hearings on alleged Russian espionage activities within the Federal Government, with the following witnesses of the Commerce Department discussing the availability of the files on the Government employment record of William Remington: Matthew Hale, Assistant Solicitor; Thomas J. Scanlon, investigations officer; Edward P. Guinane, Department Chief, Enforcement Branch of International Trade; Bernard L. Gladieux, executive assistant to the Secretary; and George C. Vietheer, Assistant Director of

Personnel. Lawrence V. Meloy, executive secretary of the Government's Loyalty Review Board of the Civil Service Commission talked on the policies of the Board; and Samuel Klaus, State Department attorney, devoted his testimony to the Government employment of Mr. Remington. Hearings continue tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in executive session to consider the proposed international wheat agreement. Meets again tomorrow on same subject.

IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, continuing its hearings to receive views on immigration from private organizations, met in night session to hear Jack Wasserman and Abram Orlow, Association of Immigration and Nationality Lawyers. Hearing continues tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Nine public bills, H. R. 7119–7127; three private bills, H. R. 7128–7130; and one resolution, H. J. Res. 443, were introduced.

Presidential Message: Received report on the labor dispute which recently existed in the bituminous-coal industry relative to benefit payments from the United Mine Workers of America welfare and retirement fund.

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Suspension of Rules: The following bills were passed under suspension of rules:

Inflation control: Passed, with committee amendments, by 264 yeas to 97 nays, S. J. Res. 157, inflation-control measure, which restores regulation of consumer installment credit until March 15, 1949; amends Federal Reserve Act to require member banks to maintain a reserve in gold certificates of not less than 35 percent against its deposits and a reserve in gold certificates of 40 percent against its Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation; and also provides for an increase in reserve requirements of 1 percent on time deposits and 3 percent on demand deposits.

Pages 9877-9890

UN Headquarters: Passed by voice yote S. J. Res. 212, providing for a \$65 million interest-free loan to the United Nations for a permanent headquarters in New York, thus clearing the measure for Presidential action.

Committee Meetings

LABOR DISPUTE, UNIVIS LENS CO.

Committee on Education and Labor: A special subcommittee (Representative Hoffman, chairman), investigating the CIO United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers Union strike at the Univis Lens Co., Dayton, Ohio, opened hearings with the following members of the union testifying: Louis Kaplan and Herbert Herschberg, both international representatives; Julia P. Hupman, international organizer; and Marilyn Hasselback, shop committeewoman, United Electrical Local No. 768. Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMUNIST ESPIONAGE

Committee on Un-American Activities: Continued hearings on its investigation of communistic espionage in the Government. Alger Hiss, former State Department official, testified before the committee, denying charges that he was a member of a Communist underground group. These charges were made before the committee last Tuesday by Whittaker Chambers, a senior editor of Time magazine. Representative McDowell, a committee member, disclosed testimony revealing the case of two shipments of uranium compound which were flown from this country to Russia in 1943. Atomic research by the United States Government was at its peak when these shipments were made. An executive session followed the open hearings.

Pages 9890-9899

FCC INVESTIGATION

Select Committee To Investigate the Federal Communications Commission: Opened hearings on the subject of the Port Huron decision. By this decision the Commission held that stations have no right to censor libelous or slanderous statements in political broadcasts even though a station might be held liable under State law for permitting such statements to go over the air. The following officials of the FCC testified: Wayne Coy, Chairman; Benedict P. Cottone, general counsel; and Richard Allen Solomon. Assistant Attorney General C. K. Richards, of Texas, was also a witness. Hearings continue tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations: Committee met in executive session to discuss the committee's work to date with a view to making a final report as required by the Taft-Hartley Labor Management Act of 1947. Due to election schedules and inability of members of the committee to be present at further meetings at this time, the committee agreed to report S. J. Res. 239, to extend the deadline date for report by Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations from January 2, 1949, to March 1, 1949.

Friday, August 6, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed housing bill and debated inflation control.

Senate groups approved measures on inflation control and housing and reported wheat agreement.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 9935-9953

Bills Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2931 to S. 2937; and S. Con. Res. 62.

Pages 9936–9937, 9940

Bill Reported: A report was made, as follows: S. 2919, to amend the National Housing Act, as amended, with respect to mortgages of certain veterans' housing corporations, with amendments (S. Rept. 1774).

Page 9936

Treaty Reported: Foreign Relations Committee reported favorably, with amendment, the international wheat agreement, Executive F, Eightieth Congress, second session (Executive Report 12).

Pages 9974-9977

Housing: By voice vote the Senate passed with amendment and sent back to the House, H. R. 6959, Housing Act of 1948.

Before passage, the Senate, by 48 years to 36 nays, adopted the McCarthy substitute amendment for the bill as reported by the committee (committee version nearly same as S. 866, as passed by Senate on April 22, 1948).

The following action was taken on the McCarthy substitute before its adoption: Adopted by voice vote: Taft amendment with reference to interest rates on

mortgages insured under the National Housing Act; Lodge amendment providing that State low-rental or veterans' housing projects converted to projects with Federal assistance may, under certain conditions, be approved as low-rent housing projects under the U. S. Housing Act of 1937; and Ives amendment to substitute for Administrator's valuation of veterans' projects, when completed, his estimate of the replacement cost as of December 31, 1947.

Rejected: By division vote, Cordon amendment providing for transfer of certain lands and housing in Portland-Vancouver flood disaster area; and by voice vote, Morse amendment respecting secondary market for GI home loans and FHA-insured mortgages.

Pages 9915-9935

Inflation Control: Senate took up the House amendments to S. J. Res. 157, to provide for the regulation of consumer installment credit for a temporary period, to increase gold reserves, and to increase reserves against demand and time deposits. Committee amendment to continue consumer credit controls by Federal Reserve System until June 30, 1949, instead of March 15, 1949, was adopted by voice vote. Left pending at recess was the committee amendment to strike out the House amendment concerning gold-reserve requirements in Federal Reserve banks. It was agreed that at 4 p. m. tomorrow the Senate will vote on the resolution and on all pending and proposed amendments, all of which

amendments must be germane. Committee amendments may be voted on prior to 1 p. m.

Pages 9953-9956, 9968-9974, 9982-9996

Nominations: Senate received 1 civilian and 9,585 armed services nominations.

Pages 10000-10097

Committee Meetings

INFLATION CONTROL AND HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: In executive session the committee voted to recommend to the Senate the adoption of committee amendments to the Houseapproved version of S. J. Res. 157. As the House approved S. J. Res. 157, it would provide for the regulation of consumer installment credit for a temporary period, increase gold reserves held by the Federal Reserve banks against currency, and increase bank reserves held against demand and time deposits.

The Senate Banking and Currency Committee recommended that the Senate accept the House-approved amendment on consumer credit but extending such control to June 30, 1949, instead of March 15, 1949; it proposed that the section on reserve requirements approved by the House be extended to June 30, 1949, instead of March 31, 1949, and be amended so as to increase the reserve requirements against demand deposits by 5 percent instead of 3 percent as approved by the House, and the reserves against time deposits by 2 percent instead of 1 percent; and it agreed that the section dealing with gold reserves be stricken out.

The bill was passed by the Senate on December 17, 1947, providing for the regulation of consumer credit only. The House passed the bill on August 5, 1948, after striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting a new bill including provisions on gold reserves and reserves against demand and time deposits.

It also approved for reporting with amendment S. 2919, to amend the National Housing Act, as amended, with respect to mortgages of certain veterans' housing corporations.

COMMUNISTS

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Committee met and announced that further investigations on alleged communistic activities within the Federal Government would be suspended at this time, inasmuch as the files requested by the committee on the Government employment of witnesses were not available. The chairman stated that since the committee could not get additional information there was no point in holding further hearings.

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee in executive session agreed to report to the Senate the international wheat agreement, but will not ask for Senate consideration of the agreement until early in the next Congress.

IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, continuing its hearings to receive views on immigration from private organizations, heard Jack Wasserman and Abram Orlow, Association of Immigration and Nationality Lawyers, continue their testimony discussing their views regarding proper, efficient, and just administration of our immigration and naturalization laws. Hearings continue tomorrow.

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections met in executive session but made no announcement of action taken.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Ten public bills, H. R. 7131–7140; eight private bills, H. R. 7141–7148; and two resolutions, H. J. Res. 444 and H. Res. 708, were introduced.

Pages 10119-10120

Bill Referred: S. Con. Res. 59, passed by the Senate on June 19, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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Labor-Management Relations: Adopted S. J. Res. 239, extending date for report of Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations to March 1, 1949.

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Committee Meetings

LABOR DISPUTE, UNIVIS LENS CO.

Committee on Education and Labor: Hearings were concluded by the special subcommittee (Representative Hoffman, chairman), investigating the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union strike at the Univis Lens Co., Dayton, Ohio. The final witnesses to testify were Louis Kaplan, international representative for the United Electric Union; and Inspector Frank Krug and Patrolman Walter H. Knight, both of the Dayton Police Department. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

FLOOD-CONTROL PROJECTS

Committee on Public Works: Met in executive session and adopted committee resolutions instructing Chief of Army Engineers to review five reports on certain flood-control projects.

FCC INVESTIGATION

Select Committee To Investigate the Federal Communications Commission: Concluded public hearings in its examination of the FCC's Port Huron decision and received assurances from the Chairman of the FCC that licensees need have no fear of the revocation of their licenses if they continue the deletion of defamatory, libelous, or slanderous statements made in political broadcasts. The committee intends to pursue this in-

vestigation so as to recommend legislation in the Eightyfirst Congress designed to remove any existing confusion in the interpretation of the Communications Act.

Witnesses testifying at the closing session were the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, Wayne Coy; and the following officials of the radio industry: Don Petty, general counsel, National Association of Broadcasters; Joseph H. Ream, executive vice president, Columbia Broadcasting System; Louis Caldwell, representing Mutual Broadcasting System; Gus Margras, vice president of National Broadcasting Co.; and Joseph McDonald, vice president and general counsel of American Broadcasting Co. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Saturday, August 7, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses cleared housing and anti-inflation bills for President and adjourned the second session of the Eightieth Congress.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 10120-10123, 10185-10196

Bills Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2938 to S. 2945; S. J. Res. 240 and S. J. Res. 241; S. Con. Res. 63; and S. Res. 272.

Pages 10121, 10186

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. J. Res. 445, appropriating \$15 million and making other funds available for the Housing and Home Finance Agency and the Veterans' Administration, with amendments (no written report); and

S. Res. 272, to provide payment of additional mileage to Senators for second session of Eightieth Congress (no written report).

Pages 10130, 10186

Corrupt Practices: Senate authorized printing as Senate Document 201 report prepared by the Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections of the Committee on Rules and Administration, entitled "Federal Corrupt Practices and Political Activities—Federal Corrupt Practices Act—Hatch Political Activities Act."

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Inflation Control: Senate adopted amendments to, and sent back to the House, for its concurrence in the amendments, S. J. Res. 157, to provide for the regulation of consumer installment credit for a temporary period, to increase gold reserves, and to increase reserves

against demand and time deposits. The amendments to the bill acted on today were as follows:

Adopted by voice vote: Committee amendment to continue until June 30, 1949, instead of March 31, 1949, increased reserve requirements against demand and time deposits; Taft amendment to committee amendment so as to increase reserve requirements against time deposits by 1½ percent instead of by 2 percent as proposed in committee amendment; a series of three Taft amendments to increase requirements against demand deposits by 4 percent instead of 5 percent as proposed in committee amendment; and committee amendment to eliminate the section dealing with gold reserves.

Rejected: By 33 yeas to 53 nays, Barkley amendment to grant to President stand-by rationing and price-wage controls; by division vote, both the Revercomb amendment to create a Congressional Economic Study Committee and the Baldwin amendment authorizing Senate Committee on Banking and Currency to conduct an investigation into the high price of meat.

Pages 10123-10161

Supplemental Appropriations: Senate passed by voice vote H. J. Res. 445, appropriating \$15 million and making other funds available for the Housing and Home Finance Agency and the Veterans' Administration, after first taking the following action on amendments:

Adopted various committee amendments by voice vote.

Rejected by 31 yeas to 50 nays, McGrath amendment providing \$100,000 for administration of Motor Carriers Claims Commission; and by 32 yeas to 49 nays, Magnuson amendment increasing funds for Columbia River Authority (Grand Coulee Dam).

Eliminated on points of order (legislation on an ap-

propriation bill) the following amendments:

O'Mahoney amendment providing \$1,825,000 for Missouri River Basin project, after first rejecting by voice vote Murray amendment increasing appropriations for Fort Peck project and Hungry Horse project, Montana.

Two Magnuson amendments, (1) providing \$35 million in disaster relief for Portland-Vancouver area, and (2) advancing cut-off date to April 21, 1947, in recently enacted DP legislation.

Pages 10161-10172, 10174-10181

President pro tempore: Adopted H. Con. Res. 223, authorizing the President pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions during adjournment. Also adopted an order authorizing the President pro tempore to make certain appointments to committees or commissions authorized by law.

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Travel Allowance: Senate adopted S. Res. 272, to provide payment of additional mileage to Senators for second session of Eightieth Congress.

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Nominations: Senate received nominations of Byron B. Harlan, of Ohio, and Miss Marion J. Harron, of California, to be judges of Tax Court of U. S.; Maurice J. Tobin, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Labor; Thomas C. Blaisdell, Jr., of D. C., to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce; Elmer H. Wene, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; along with one other civilian nomination.

Adjournment: Adopted H. Con. Res. 222, to adjourn both Houses of Congress until noon December 31, 1948, or until recalled by the President pro tempore, the Speaker, the acting majority leader of the Senate, and the leader of the House, acting jointly. Before adopting this resolution, by a vote of 54 yeas to 18 nays, the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 63, a companion resolution, and then reconsidered the action and laid the resolution on the table after approving H. Con. Res. 222.

The Senate subsequently, by a vote of 39 yeas to 29 nays, adjourned at 9:40 p. m. Saturday, August 7, 1948.

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Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: In executive session, the committee voted to report, with amendments, H. J. Res. 445, appropriating \$15 million and making other funds available for the Housing and Home Finance Agency and the Veterans' Administration, after receiving testimony from Raymond M. Foley, Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency, and two officials of the VA. It also voted to report S. Res. 272, to provide payment of additional mileage to Senators for second session of Eightieth Congress.

IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, continuing its hearings to receive views on immigration from private organizations, heard Jack Wasserman and Abram Orlow, Association of Immigration and Nationality Lawyers, continue their testimony discussing their views regarding proper, efficient, and just administration of our immigration and naturalization laws. Hearings continue Monday.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Nine public bills, H. R. 7149-7157; four private bills, H. R. 7158-7161; and fourteen resolutions, H. J. Res. 445-447, H. Con. Res. 222 and 223, and H. Res. 709-717, were introduced.

Pages 10250-10251

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Report from the Committee on Public Lands on Forest Service policy and public-lands policy (H. Rept. 2456):

Report entitled "Investigation of GAO Audit of Wartime Freight Vouchers" (H. Rept. 2457);

Report entitled "Investigation of Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior" (H. Rept. 2458); and

H. R. 4713, to authorize the Secretary of National Defense to acquire additional recreational facilities at Eglin Field, Fla. (H. Rept. 2459).

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Suspension of Rules: The following bills were passed under suspension of rules:

Housing: H. Res. 709, providing for concurrence with Senate amendment to H. R. 6959, a housing bill, thus clearing the measure for Presidential action. As sent to the President the bill provides:

An increase of \$35 million for guaranteeing loans on housing costing less than \$4,500.

Guarantees up to 95 percent for loans on housing costing up to \$6,000.

Guarantees up to 95 percent of loans for veterans' cooperative housing projects.

Loans up to 90 percent for large-scale rental housing projects where individual units do not cost more than \$8,100.

Creates a new unit in the Housing and Home Finance Agency to seek standardization of building specifications and building material measurements.

Expands RFC's secondary market for housing loans.

Liberalizes the lending features to prefabricated housing manufacturers.

Pages 10197, 10198-10220

Inflation Control: H. Res. 711, providing for concurrence with Senate amendments to the amendments of the House to S. J. Res. 157, inflation-control bill, thus clearing the bill for Presidential action. The measure now extends consumer installment credit until July 1, 1949, and increases by 4 percentage points the reserve of member banks of the Federal Reserve System on demand deposits and likewise increases the reserve required against time deposits by 1½ percentage points until July 1, 1949. The provision requiring Federal Reserve banks to maintain a reserve in gold certificates, not less than 35 percent against its deposits, and a reserve of 40 percent against its Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation, was deleted from the measure.

Mileage and Contested Election Expenses: H. Res. 715, authorizing the Clerk of the House to pay from funds appropriated under the head "Contingent expenses of the House," fiscal 1949, \$171,000 for additional mileage of Members, Delegates of Territories, and Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico; and to pay to Representative Granger \$2,000 for expenses incurred in the contested-election case of Wilson versus Granger as recommended by the Committee on House Administration.

Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1949: H. J. Res. 445, making available funds not to exceed \$2,400,000 for administrative expenses of the Housing and Home Finance Agency in connection with the Housing Act of 1948; also \$10 million to the Federal Housing Administration for credit to the housing investment insurance fund; and \$5 million to the Veterans' Administration for automobiles and other conveyances for disabled veterans.

Subsequently the House completed congressional action on the joint resolution by agreeing to the following Senate amendments:

That the Displaced Persons Commission may apportion for obligation and expenditure its appropriation of \$2 million during the first 9 months of fiscal 1949;

Increasing the amount made available for the administrative expenses in the Office of the Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency from \$750,000 to \$1,050,000;

To reduce from \$2,400,000 to \$2,100,000 the amounts available for administrative expenses of the Federal Housing Administration, and that the housing investment insurance fund, created by the Housing Act of 1948, be included as a source of funds; and

To extend from 6 to 9 months the Commission created by Public Law 880, Eightieth Congress, to hear and determine the claims of certain motor carriers.

Pages 10220-10228, 10246-10247

Resolutions Adopted:

Adjournment Resolution: H. Con. Res. 222, that the two Houses stand adjourned until 12 noon, December 31, 1948, or subject to the call of the designated leaders of the House and Senate.

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Enrolled Bills Signed: H. Con. Res. 223, authorizing the Speaker of the House and the President pro tempore of the Senate to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions during adjournment of Congress.

Pages 10247-10248

GAO Reports: H. Res. 716, to authorize printing as House documents of the second session of the Eightieth Congress the reports made to Congress by the U. S. Comptroller General.

Committee Election: H. Res. 717, electing Carl Albert, of Oklahoma, to the Committee on Agriculture.

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Adjournment: House adjourned at 8:32 p. m. pursuant to H. Con. Res. 222, subject to the call of the designated leaders.

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Committee Meetings

FEDERAL LANDS

Committee on Public Lands: Unanimously approved a report on the investigations by subcommittees on land conservation, Forest Service, public domain, and other matters under the jurisdiction of the committee as authorized by H. Res. 93, Eightieth Congress. This report was ordered filed in the House.

Friday, December 31, 1948

HIGHLIGHTS

Eightieth Congress adjourned sine die.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 10251-10264

Bills Introduced: Ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. Res. 273 to S. Res. 282. Pages 10252, 10256

Bills Reported: A special report was made as follows: Post Office and Civil Service Committee on Post Office Appointments Under Civil Service (S. Rept. 1777).

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D. C. Parking—Foot-and-Mouth Disease: Documents on parking lots in the District of Columbia, and on the control of foot-and-mouth disease, were ordered to be printed as S. Doc. 209 and S. Doc. 211, respectively.

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Senators Sworn In: Senators-elect Russell B. Long, Louisiana, J. Melville Broughton, North Carolina, and Karl E. Mundt, South Dakota, were sworn in as Senators. The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the credentials of 32 Senators-elect whose 6-year terms begin with the Eighty-first Congress.

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Routine Resolutions Adopted: The following resolutions were submitted and agreed to:

Condolence: S. Res. 273, expressing condolence on the death of Senator Harlan J. Bushfield;

Senate pages: S. Res. 274, authorizing payment of Senate pages from December 28 through 31, 1948;

Deceased Senate employee: S. Res. 275, authorizing payment of a gratuity to Mrs. Leora Stanley, widow of a deceased Senate employee;

Funeral expenses: S. Res. 276, authorizing payment of expenses incurred by Senate funeral committee, attending funeral of the late Senator Harlan J. Bushfield;

Legislative program: S. Res. 277, to appoint two Senators to advise President of completion of legislative program of the Eightieth Congress;

Injured Capitol policeman: S. Res. 278, authorizing reimbursement to Fred Crenshaw, Capitol policeman,

for payment for injuries suffered while performing official duties;

Commendation of President pro tempore: S. Res. 279, expressing appreciation for manner in which President pro tempore Arthur H. Vandenberg has presided over Senate;

Small Business Committee extension: S. Res. 280, continuing Senate Small Business Committee until January 31, 1949; and

Condolence: S. Res. 281 and S. Res. 282, expressing condolence on the deaths of the late Milton H. West, of Texas, and the late John J. Delaney, of New York, respectively, Members of the House.

Pages 10252, 10256-10257, 10262

Labor-Management: Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations, in pursuance of Public Law 101 of the Eightieth Congress, filed parts 3, 4, and 5 of S. Rept. 986 on Labor-Management Relations, Welfare Funds, and West Coast Maritime Industry. Consent was granted to Senator Murray to file minority report.

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Government Commission: Senate passed H. J. Res. 448, to extend for 60 days the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government (so-called Hoover Commission).

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Committee To Wait On President: Pursuant to terms of S. Res. 277, Chair appointed Senators Wherry and Lucas to join a like committee on the part of the House, to wait upon the President and advise him that the Eightieth Congress has completed its business.

Pages 10257, 10261

Adjournment: Senate passed H. Con. Res. 224, providing for sine die adjournment of the Eightieth Congress. Pursuant to this resolution, the Senate adjourned sine die at 1:28 p. m. (The first session of the Eighty-first Congress will convene on Monday, January 3, 1949.)

Pages 10257, 10264

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Two public bills, H. R. 7162 and 7163; and eleven resolutions, H. J. Res. 448, H. Con. Res. 224 and 225, and H. Res. 718–725, were introduced.

Pages 10264-10265, 10269-10272, 10277-10278

Reports of Publications: The following reports were made by committees of the House as follows:

Progress report on Fuel Investigation (H. Rept. 2460); Investigation of Port Huron Decision and Scott Decision (H. Rept. 2461); Report on U. S. Government buying of grain to determine what impact such program has had upon food costs to American consumers (H. Rept. 2462);

Report of investigation of Army publication entitled

"Army Talks" (H. Rept. 2463);

Report on study and investigation of certain labormanagement disputes in the meat-packing industry (H. Rept. 2464);

Report on small-business problems entitled "Monopolistic and Unfair Trade Practices" (H. Rept. 2465);

Annual report of the Select Committee on Small Business (H. Rept. 2466);

Report of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee entitled "National Transportation Inquiry" (H. Rept. 2467);

Report of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce entitled "Fuel Investigation" (H. Rept. 2468);

Report of the Special Committee on Campaign Expenditures (H. Rept. 2469);

Report on Fuel Investigation, dealing with Mexican petroleum (H. Rept. 2470);

Final report of the Select Committee on Newsprint and Paper Supply (H. Rept. 2471);

Final report of the Select Committee To Investigate Commodity Transactions (H. Rept. 2472);

Report of the Subcommittee on Procurement and Buildings (H. Rept. 2473);

Final report of the Subcommittee on Publicity and Propaganda (H. Rept. 2474);

Report of the Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations entitled "West Coast Maritime Industry" (H. Rept. 2475);

Report of the Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations entitled "Welfare Funds" (H. Rept. 2475);

Report of the Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations expressing its findings and recommendations (H. Rept. 2477).

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Report entitled "Investigation of the Atomic Energy Commission at Los Alamos, N. Mex." (H. Rept. 2478); and

Final report of the Select Committee To Investigate the Federal Communications Commission (H. Rept. 2479).

Presidential Messages: Sundry reports on European aid and assistance programs were transmitted, all of which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and ordered printed as documents.

Pages 10265-10267

New Members Sworn: The following Members-elect appeared in the well of the House and took the oath of office:

Paul C. Jones, Tenth District of Missouri.

Clarence G. Burton, Sixth District of Virginia.

Lloyd M. Bentsen, Fifteenth District of Texas.

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Government Commission: Adopted H. J. Res. 448 to extend for 60 days the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government (Hoover Commission).

Pages 10264–10265

Adjournment Resolution: Adopted H. Con. Res. 224, calling for sine die adjournment of Eightieth Congress.

Legislative Program: Adopted H. Res. 718, to notify the President of the completion of all business before the House of Representatives.

Notify President: Pursuant to H. Res. 718, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Halleck and Rayburn to the Committee To Notify the President.

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Capitol Power Plant: Adopted H. Res. 719 authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to contract for a study and survey of the steam-distribution system and refrigeration supply of the Capitol power plant.

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Speaker: Adopted H. Res. 720, thanking the Speaker for his able, impartial, and dignified manner of presiding over the House.

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Condolence Resolutions: Adopted the following resolutions:

H. Res. 721, expressing condolence on the death of Frank W. Collier, postmaster of the House of Representatives.

H. Res. 723, expressing condolence on the death of Representative Milton H. West, of Texas.

H. Res. 724, expressing condolence on the death of Representative John J. Delaney, of New York.

H. Res. 725, expressing condolence on the death of Senator Harlan J. Bushfield, of South Dakota.

Pages 10269-10272

House Employee: Adopted H. Res. 722, authorizing payment of I year's salary and \$250 toward the defrayment of funeral expenses to estate of late House employee.

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Adjournment: Pursuant to H. Con. Res. 224 the House of Representatives adjourned sine die at 1:20 p. m. Page 10273

Résumé of Congressional Activity

EIGHTIETH CONGRESS

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY IN FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY IN SECOND SESSION

January 3 through December 19, 1947 January 6 through December 31, 1948

	Senate	House	Total		Senate	House	Total
Days in session	143	144		Days in session	114	110	
Time in session	807 hrs., 36'	686 hrs., 2'		Time in session	653 hrs., 37'	538 hrs., 01'	
Pages of proceedings	6, 150	5,739	11,889	Pages of proceedings	5, 353	5, 130	10, 483
Appendix		E 1000 1.00	5, 302	Appendix	3, 333		5, 643
Public bills enacted into law	120	275	395	Public bills enacted into law	192	319	511
Private bills enacted into law	37	94	131	Private bills enacted into law	110	217	327
Bills in conference		A COMMENT	4	Bills in conference			**1
Bills through conference			62	Bills through conference			80
Measures passed, total	841	1,029		Measures passed, total	1,071	1, 191	
Senate bills	278	138		Senate bills	358	289	
House bills	368	568		House bills	532	624	
Senate joint resolutions	47	29		Senate joint resolutions	28	24	
House joint resolutions	30	33	1	House Joint resolutions	. 29	34	
Senate concurrent resolu-				Senate concurrent resolu-	Value of the same		
tions	12	10		tions	17	12	
House concurrent resolu-				House concurrent resolu-	I find		
tions	19	21		tions	31	32	
Simple resolutions	87	230	317	Simple resolutions	76	176	252
Measures reported, total	*973	*1,100		Measures reported, total	*1, 119	*1,080	
Senate bills	357	102		Senate bills	408	214	
House bills	401	753		House bills	523	657	wi di
Senate joint resolutions	53	14		Senate joint resolutions	34	11	DIA STE
House joint resolutions	31	48		House joint resolutions	28	41	
Senate concurrent resolu-				Senate concurrent resolu-			
tions	16	2		tions	18	6	
House concurrent resolu-				House concurrent resolu-			
tions	20	12		tions	30	15	Smooth
Simple resolutions	95	169	264	Simple resolutions	78	136	214
Special reports	21	75		Special reports	21	91	
Conference reports			59	Conference reports			74
Reported measures not acted				Reported measures not acted			
on	**93	**116		on	**77	**145	
Measures introduced, total	2, 312	5, 658	7,970	Measures introduced, total	1, 217	2,903	4, 120
Bills	1,924	4, 831	6, 755	Bills	1,021	2,332	3, 353
Joint resolutions	170	284	454	Joint resolutions	71	164	235
Concurrent resolutions	37	129	166	Concurrent resolutions	26	96	122
Simple resolutions	181	414	595	Simple resolutions	99	311	410
Quorum calls	332	69	401	Quorum calls	245	53	298
Yea-and-nay votes	138	84	222	Yea-and-nay votes	110	79	189
Bills vetoed, totals	8	24	32	Bills vetoed, totals	13	30	43
Regular vetoes	6	7	13	Regular vetoes	9	20	29
Pocket vetoes	2	17	19	Pocket vetoes	4	10	14
Vetoes overridden		I	1	Vetoes overridden	1	4	5

These figures on measures reported include all placed on calendar or acted on by Senate even if there was no accompanying report. During the first session, 809 reports were filed in the Senate and 1,234 were filed in the House. During the second session, 968 reports were filed in the Senate and 1,245 in the House.

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*This figure does not agree with the total difference between bills reported and bills passed, because resolutions and bills placed on the House Calendar without having been formally reported were not included in figures of measures reported to the House; the difference in the case of Senate figures is due to uncounted bills "laid on the table" or "indefinitely postponed," These data include bills on calendar and in conference at the end of the first session.

RÉSUMÉ OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY—EIGHTIETH CONGRESS—Continued DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

FIRST SESSION

SECOND SESSION

TIKST SESSION		OLCOTO SESSION	
January 3 through December 19, 1947		January 6 through December 31, 1948	
Postmaster nominations, totaling 1,285, disposed of as follows:		Postmaster nominations, totaling 1,373, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	935	Confirmed	523
Withdrawn	116	Withdrawn	20
	None	Rejected	None
Rejected	Taranta and a second	Unconfirmed	830
Unconfirmed	234	Army nominations, totaling 13,277, disposed of as	
Army nominations, totaling 25,863, disposed of as		follows:	
follows:		Confirmed	5, 351
Confirmed	25, 568	Withdrawn	None None
Withdrawn	10	Rejected	17.00 X 33.00
Rejected	None	Air Force nominations, totaling 2,957, disposed of	7,926
Unconfirmed	285	as follows:	
Navy nominations, totaling 11,144, disposed of as	The original of	Confirmed	1, 238
follows:		Withdrawn	None
Confirmed	11, 115	Rejected	None
Withdrawn	None	Unconfirmed	1,719
	None	Navy nominations, totaling, 4,610, disposed of as	
Rejected		follows:	
Unconfirmed	29	Confirmed	4, 252
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 759, disposed of		Withdrawn	None
as follows:		Rejected	None
Confirmed	757	Unconfirmed	358
Withdrawn	None	Marine Corps nominations, totaling 861, disposed of	
Rejected	None	as follows:	0
Unconfirmed	2	Confirmed	849
Civilian nominations other than postmasters, totaling		Withdrawn	None None
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Rejected	None	Confirmed	2,728
Unconfirmed	20	Withdrawn	1
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Summary		Unconfirmed	277
		Summary	25.72
Total nominations received	40,557	Total nominations received	26, 084
Total rejected	None	Total rejected	None
Total withdrawn	132	Total withdrawn	21
Total unconfirmed	570	Total unconfirmed	11, 122
Total confirmed	39, 855	Total committed	14, 941

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Extending veterans' preference benefits to widows and mothers of certain ex-servicemen.	H. R. (S. 4		Jan. 29, 1947.	POCS		June 25, 1947.		697		9566	10409	July 21, 1947.	July 26, 1947.	Jan. 1	9 396
Secretary of War to survey for run-off and water-flow retardation and soil-erosion prevention on watersheds when surveying	H. R.	3146	Apr. 22, 1947.	PW	PW	June 12, 1947.	July 22, 1947.	583	682	8333	87	July 7, 1947	Jan. 12	Jan. 1	9 397
waterways. Increase pension rates for Indian war veterans	H.R.	4055	July 1, 1947	VA	Fin	July 3, 1947	Dec. 12, 1947.	794	774	10497	87	July 26, 1947.	Jan. 12	Jan. 1	9 398
and dependents thereof. Philippine Rehabilitation Act, to authorize pay for persons entitled to accumulated "annual leave to the maximum of 90 workdays."	S.	1020	Apr. 1, 1947	FA	IIA	July 1, 1947	May 13, 1947.	758	166	10249	5656	July 25, 1947.	May 22, 1947.	Jan. 20	6 399
Extending Civil Service retirement benefits to employees of the National Library for the Blind.	S.	1324	May 21, 1947.	POCS	POCS*	July 25, 1947.	July 3, 1947	1098	427	323	9131	Jan. 19	July 17, 1947.	Jan. 20	6 400
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ibber scrap. horizing sale of undisposed-of lots in	S.	1507	June 26, 1947.	PL	IIA	Feb. 3	July 21, 1947.	1294	634	1329	9829	Feb. 16	July 23, 1947.	Feb. 25	41
permit issuance of unrestricted deeds,	H. R.	3503	May 19, 1947.	PL	IIA	July 10, 1947.	Feb. 3	858	875	9569	1172	July 21, 1947.	Feb. 9	Feb. 26	41
wn sites, Alaska. of land of Chippewas of Michigan uthorize disposition of certain lands ac-	S. S.	522 1485	Feb. 5, 1947 June 20, 1947.	PL PL	IIA IIA	Feb. 3	Apr. 21, 1947. Jan. 14	1291 1293	109 814	1329 1329	4560 499	Feb. 16	May 6, 1947 Jan. 26		41:
nired for Indian school in New Mexico.	S.	1591	July 9, 1947	PL	ПА	Feb. 3	Jan. 14	1301	812	1331	501	Feb. 16	Jan. 26	Feb. 27	42
ort Peck project, Montana. osition of condemned ordnance equip-	(H. R. H. R.		Jan. 10, 1947.	AS	AS*	July 9, 1947	Jan. 23	815	843	9568	505	July 21, 1947.	Jan. 26	Feb. 27	42
ent. Inding authority of the Housing and	H. R.	5390	Feb. 16	BC*		Feb. 17		1402		1616	1662	Feb. 24	Feb. 25	Feb. 27	42
ent Act of 1947 until Mar. 1, 1948. tinuing to Mar. 1, 1949, the authority of e Maritime Commission to sell, charter,	S. J. Re (H. J. R		Jan. 19	MFF*	IFC	Feb. 23	Jan. 30	1417	856	1609	1144	Feb. 24	Feb. 5	Feb. 27	42
d operate vessels.	S.	1133	Apr. 21, 1947.	PL	ПА	Feb. 3	July 24, 1947.	1292	748	1329	10303	Feb. 16	July 26, 1947.	Feb. 28	42
de Reservation, N. Dak. mend the Public Health Service Act in and to certain matters of personnel and	S. (H. R.	1454 3924)	June 17, 1947.	IFC*	LPW	July 18, 1947.	July 7, 1947	1002	437	1325	849	Feb. 16	Feb. 2	Feb. 28	42
ninistration. beralize annuities and benefits for Fed-	H. R.	4127	July 9, 1947	POCS	POCS*	July 11, 1947.	July 24, 1947.	888	746	9596	490	July 21, 1947.	Jan. 23	Feb. 28	42
I employees. ontinue until May 31, 1948, the Second control Act, relating to export and rail- nsportation controls and allocation of	H. R. (S. 1		Feb. 16	BC*	ВС	Feb. 17	Feb. 17	1403	891	1614	1687	Feb. 24	Feb. 25	Feb. 28	42
rategic materials in short supply. mend the act to establish a National Ar-	H. R.	1350	Jan. 27, 1947.	POCS	POCS	Feb. 18, 1947.	July 23, 1947.	44	706	3250	1685	Apr. 9, 1947	Feb. 25	Mar. 3	42
ives of the United States Government, mend the National Service Life Insur- ce Act by extending for 2 years the time thin which eligible persons may apply	H. R.	4141	July 10, 1947.	VA	Fin	July 19, 1947.	Feb. 24	1011	902	319	1689	Jan. 19	Feb. 25	Mar. 3	42
gratuitous insurance benefits. rovide a total of \$136,368,385 of urgent	H. R.	5525	Feb. 24	App*	App*	Feb. 24	Feb. 26	1421	936	1633	1839	Feb. 24	Feb. 27	Mar. 3	43
iciency appropriations for 1948. iding for United States participation in	H.J.R	es. 231	July 8, 1947	FA	FR	July 16, 1947.	July 22, 1947.	956	684	9592	854	July 21, 1947.	Feb. 2	Mar. 4	43
Caribbean Commission. ing certain changes in the organization the Navy Department.	s.	1252	May 8, 1947	AS*	AS*	Feb. 5	July 16, 1947.	1345	565	1940	9803	Mar. 1	July 23, 1947.	Mar. 5	43
the Navy Department. dding exemption to Navy or Coast and vessels from complying with cernavigation lights.	S.	1961	Jan. 9	AS	AS*	Feb. 4	Jan. 23	1327	835	1939	503	Mar. 1	Jan. 26	Mar. 5	43
n havigation lights. thorize sewage-disposal system to serve rktown area of Colonial National His- ical Park.	H. R.	2159	Feb. 24, 1947.	PL	ПА	Feb. 3	Feb. 24	1295	904	1330	1690	Feb. 16	Feb. 25	Mar. 5	43
ovide for designation of the Park River m and Reservoir project in North Da-	H. J. R	es. 61	Jan. 8, 1947	PL	ПА	Feb. 3	Feb. 24	1308	907	1333	1690	Feb. 16	Feb. 25	Mar. 5	43
ta. cpeal the laws relating to the tours of the yof officers and enlisted men of the my at certain foreign stations.	S.	1195	Apr. 30, 1947.	AS	AS*	Feb. 9	Jan. 30	1362	847	1942	858	Mar. 1	Feb. 2	Mar. 8	43

Authorizing carrying of Civil War battle streamers with regimental colors.	S.	703	Feb. 26, 1947.	AS	AS	Feb. 25	July 8, 1947	1423	455	1948	9031	Mar. 1	July 16, 1947.	Mar. 9	437	19
Authorizing Presidential award of Medal of Honor to unknown American killed in ac- tion in World War II.	S.	1802	Nov. 24, 1947	AS	AS*	Feb. 25	Jan. 23	1424	831	1948	503	Mar. 1	Jan. 26	Mar. 9	438	1948
To authorize acceptance and use of gifts, etc., to schools, hospitals, museums, etc., under	S.	1528	June 27, 1947.	AS	AS*	Feb. 9	Jan. 23	1363	829	1942	856	Mar. 1	Feb. 2	Mar. 11	439	
War and Navy Departments. To enlarge the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in Utah.	S.	1698	July 22, 1947.	PL	ПА	Feb. 12	July 24, 1947.	1372	749	1943	84	Mar. 1	Jan. 12	Mar. 11	440	
Authorizing establishment of De Soto Na- tional Memorial in Florida.	H. R.	4023	July 1, 1947	PL	ПА	Feb. 3	Feb. 24	1300	906	1331	1690	Feb. 16	Feb. 25	Mar. 11	441	
To provide for preservation of the frigate Constellation.	S. (H. R.	1796	Nov. 24, 1947	AS	AS*	Jan. 20	Jan. 23	1246	839	987	504	Feb. 3	Jan. 26	Mar. 13	442	
Authorization of demonstration plants to produce synthetic liquid fuels from coal, oil shales, agricultural and forestry prod-	H. R. (S. 1	2161	Feb. 24, 1947.	PL*	ПА*	June 24, 1947.	Feb. 3	675	872	1248	1137	Feb. 9	Feb. 5	Mar. 15	443	CO
ucts, and other substances. To give the Crow Indian Tribe power to manage certain lands.	S.	1317	May 19, 1947.	PL*	IIA	July 16, 1947.	June 26, 1947.	940	386	9586	8246	July 21, 1947.	July 3, 1947	Mar. 15	444	NG
Compensation of commissioners for Alaska Acquisition of certain lands within Glacier	H. R. H. R.	3973 4980	June 25, 1947. Jan. 15	PL PL	IIA IIA	July 16, 1947. Feb. 3	Feb. 25 Feb. 25	938 1306	930 931	9585 1332	2289 2289	July 21, 1947. Feb. 16	Mar. 8 Mar. 8	Mar. 15 Mar. 16	445 446	CONGRE
National Park in Montana. Authorizing United States Park Police to make arrests within Federal reservations in	H. R.	3936	June 23, 1947.	PL	IIA	Feb. 3	Feb. 25	1299	929	1330	2289	Feb. 16	Mar. 8	Mar. 17	447	SSION
District of Columbia. Amending the act to regulate navigation on the Great Lakes and tributaries to insure greater safety for vessels and their crews	H. R.	2293	Feb. 27, 1947.	MMF*	IFC	Mar. 17, 1947.	Mar. 2	158	957	7089	2291	June 16, 1947.	Mar. 8	Mar. 18	448	NAL
relating to range lights. To add certain lands to the Shasta National Forest, Calif.	H. R.	3175	Apr. 23, 1947.	PL	IIA*	June 24, 1947.	Feb. 25	680	928	9565	2289	July 21, 1947.	Mar. 8	Mar. 19	449	R
Extending until Dec. 31, 1948, the validity period of the act to facilitate admission into the United States of alien fiancés or fianceés of members of the United States armed forces.	H. R.	4838	Jan. 6	Jud	Jud	Jan. 22	Feb. 25	1253	919	990	2287	Feb. 3	Mar. 8	Mar. 24	450	RECORD
To authorize payment to members of Seminole Indian Tribe.	S.	1733	July 25, 1947.	PL	IIA	Mar. 3	Jan. 14	1491	815	2853	499	Mar. 15	Jan. 26	Mar. 24	451	Ĭ
To select superintendents of national ceme- teries from meritorious servicemen disabled in line of duty.	S. (H. R.	1782 4515)	Nov. 24, 1947.	PL	IIA	Feb. 3	Feb. 3	1304	874	2850	1172	Mar. 15	Feb. 9	Mar. 24	452	DAIL
To authorize vessels of Canadian registry to transport iron ore between United States	S. J. Re (H. J. R	es. 172 es. 338)		MMF*	IFC	Mar. 11	Jan. 28	1556, 1557	846	2937	857	Mar. 16	Feb. 2	Mar. 24	453	IA
ports on the Great Lakes during 1948. To provide for mining research laboratory in North Dakota lignite-consuming region.	H.R.	2453	Mar. 10, 1947.	PL*	IIA*	July 10, 1947.	Feb. 24	862	905	9570	2804	July 21, 1947.	Mar. 15	Mar. 25	454	DI
To acquire a site for Federal building in Huntington, W. Va.	H. R.	3506	May 19, 1947.	PW*	PW*	Jan. 20	Mar. 9	1248	971	987	2805	Feb. 3	Mar. 15	Mar. 25	455	GE
To acquire site for post office in Omaha To acquire site for post office in Portland,	H. R. H. R.	4836 4967	Jan. 6 Jan. 14	PW* PW*	PW* PW*	Jan. 20 Jan. 20	Mar. 9 Mar. 9	1247 1249	972 973	986 987	2805 2805	Feb. 3	Mar. 15 Mar. 15	Mar. 25 Mar. 25	456 457	TS
Oreg. To ratify administrative promotions of employees on military furlough from the field	H. R. (S. 2		Feb. 9	POCS	POCS	Feb. 23	Mar. 11	1412	975	1948	2806	Mar. 1	Mar. 15	Mar. 25	458	
postal service in certain cases. Authorizing stamps commemorative of one hundredth anniversary of Territory of Minnesota.	H. J. R. (S. J. R.	es. 320 es. 178)		POCS	POCS	Feb. 26	Mar. 11	1426	978	2851	2930	Mar. 15	Mar. 16	Mar. 25	459	
To provide inactive-duty-training pay for Organized Reserve Corps.	S. (H. R.	1174	Apr. 28, 1947	AS*	AS*	July 17, 1947.	July 19, 1947.	971	625	2431	9828	Mar. 9	July 23, 1947.	Mar. 25	460	
To increase the amount of property which the Imperial Palace, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, may hold, from		468	Jan. 31, 1947.	DC	Jud	Mar. 18	July 25, 1947.	1576	760	3246	10306	Mar. 22	July 26, 1947.	Mar. 27	461	
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o continue construction of the Deer Creek and aqueduct divisions of the Provo River project, Utah.	S,	1990	Jan. 16	PL	IIA	Mar. 3	Feb. 3	1492	878	2853	1175	Mar. 15	Feb. 9	Mar. 29	46
o provide for the general welfare and advancement of the Klamath Indians in Oregon.	H. R.	2502	Mar. 11, 1947.	PL*	IIA	July 14, 1947.	Feb. 25	911	933	318	2288	Jan. 19	Mar. 8	Mar. 29	46
o extend rent control until Mar. 31, 1949 o facilitate the use and occupancy of national forest lands.	S. H. R.	2182 1809	Feb. 18 Feb. 10, 1947.	BC* Agr	BC* Agr	Mar. 13 July 8, 1947	Feb. 18 Feb. 20	1560 805	896 899	2982 325	1606 2804	Mar. 16 Jan. 19	Feb. 24 Mar. 15	Mar. 30 Mar. 30	46
stending present District of Columbia Rent		5856	Mar. 15,	DC	DC	Mar. 19	Mar. 18	1583		3246	3267	Mar. 22	Mar. 23	Mar. 30	46
Control Act to Apr. 30, 1948. creasing by 1 cent per mile for next 2 years the allowance made to rural mail carriers for use and maintenance of their equip-	(S, 23/ S. (H. R. 1	203	Jan. 15, 1947.	POCS	POCS*	July 18, 1947.	June 21, 1947.	992	337	1996	7553	Mar. 2	June 23, 1947.	Mar. 31	46
ment. mending title VI of the National Housing Act by extending it for 1 month and in- creasing the mortgage-insurance authority	S.	2361	Mar. 22	ВС	ВС		Mar. 24		1024	3617	3471	Mar. 29	Mar. 25	Mar. 31	46
by \$400 million. oviding for the maintenance of an adequate	H. R.		Feb. 9	AS	BC*	Feb. 19	Mar. 19	1409	1015	2251	3275	Mar. 5	Mar. 23	Mar. 31	46
rubber-producing industry. terim-aid appropriations and tax refunds, providing \$55,000,000 for interim aid.	(S. 21) H. J. Res		Mar. 22,	App	App*	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	1586	1025	3251	3586	Mar. 22	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	47
dividual income-tax reduction bill thorizing assistance to European coun-	H. R. S.	4790 2202	Dec. 18, 1947. Feb. 23	WM* FA*	Fin* FR*	Jan. 27 Mar. 20	Mar. 16 Feb. 26	1274 1585	1013 935	926 3874	3233 2793	Feb. 2 Mar. 31	Mar. 22 Mar. 13		47
tries, Greece and Turkey, and China. oviding basic authority for VA administrative expenses.	H. R.	4478	Nov. 17, 1947.	VA*	Fin	Jan. 26	Mar. 25	1271	1027	1938	3586	Mar. 1	Mar. 29	Apr. 3	47
ontinuing VA authority to operate Philippine office until June 30, 1950.	H. R.	4943	Jan. 13	VA*	Fin	Feb. 9	Mar. 25	1367	1028	1943	3586	Mar. 1	Mar. 29	Apr. 3	47
provide dutiable status for platinum fox furs.	H. R.	4938	Jan. 13	WM	Fin	Feb. 23	Mar. 26	1414	1030	1611	3586	Feb. 24	Mar. 29	Apr. 5	47
xempting Hawaii and Alaska from cargo- manifest laws.	H. R.	3229	Apr. 28, 1947.	WM*	Fin	Mar. 2	Mar. 26	1478	1029	2855	3586	Mar. 15	Mar. 29	Apr. 7	47
o reopen the revested Oregon & California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands to exploration, location entry, and disposition under the general	H. R.	5049	Jan. 20	PL	ПА	Feb. 12	Mar. 15	1373	1012	1945	3585	Mar. 1	Mar. 29	Apr. 8	47
mining law, ailroad Reorganization Act, providing a procedure whereby the ICC may approve action by railroads not in bankruptcy to	H. R.	2298	Feb. 27, 1947.	IFC*	IFC*	June 2, 1947	Feb. 18	502	{ 472 897	7324	1766	June 19, 1947.	Feb. 26	Apr. 9	47
alter or modify their debt obligations. uthorizing construction of a reflecting pool at the United States Naval Hospital, Hous- ton, Tex.	S. (H. R.	1794 4508)	Nov. 24, 1947.	AS	AS*	Mar. 23	Jan. 23	1598	840	4126	504	Apr. 6	Jan. 26	Apr. 9	47
nauthorize Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Washington to lease their State lands for production of oil, gas, and	H. R.	4167	July 11, 1947.	PL	ПА	Feb. 12	Mar. 16	1374	1014	1945	3585	Mar. 1	Mar. 29	Apr. 13	48
other hydrocarbons. uthorizing an appropriation for the con- struction, extension, and improvement of a high-school building near Roosevelt, Utah.	S.	805	Mar.7, 1947	PL	ПА	Mar. 22	May 14, 1947.	1591	174	4124	5657	Apr. 6	May 22, 1947.	Apr. 15	48

Relating to the construction and disposition	S.	1306	May 16, 1947.	PW*	Expend*	Mar. 10	June 10, 1947	1458	257	4122	7015	Apr. 6	June 16, 1947.	Apr. 15	482	_
of the San Jacinto-San Vicente aqueduct. Time extension for installment payments to Newark, N. J., on purchase of Port Newark	S.	1581	July 8, 1947	AS	AS	Mar. 24	(0)	1607	606	4126	9819	Apr. 6	July 23, 1947.	Apr. 15	483	1948
Army base. Relating to illegal wearing of the United States service uniforms in all places within	S.	1799	Nov. 24, 1947.	AS	AS*	Mar. 24	Jan. 23	1608	842	4126	505	Apr. 6	Jan. 26	Apr. 15	484	
United States jurisdiction. Chapel and library for Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N. Y.	H. R.	3569	May 21, 1947.	MMF	IFC	June 19, 1947.	Apr. 1	611	1047	8352	4289	July 7, 1947	Apr. 12	Apr. 17	485	
& Extending the provisions of the Federal Air-	S.	2081	Jan. 28	IFC	ПА	Mar. 16	Feb. 26	. 1570	934	4123	2289	Apr. 6	Mar. 8	Apr. 17	486	
port Act to Virgin Islands. To amend the District of Columbia Traffic Act to provide for learners' permits.	H. R.	4572	Nov. 25, 1947.	DC	DC	Mar. 19	Mar. 31	. 1580	1039	3245	4287	Mar. 22	Apr. 12	Apr. 20	487	
To regulate the practice of the healing art to protect the public health in the District of Columbia.	H. R.	4636	Dec. 4, 1947	DC	DC	Mar. 19	Mar. 31	1581	1040	3250	4287	Mar. 22	Apr. 12	Apr. 20	488	C
To provide that compensation of members of ABC Board of the District of Columbia be fixed in accordance with Classification Act of 1923.	H. R.	4649	Dec. 5, 1947	DC	DC	Mar. 18	Mar. 31	. 1577	1041	3246	4287	Mar. 22	Apr. 12	Apr. 20	489	ONGE
Permitting free entry of exposed X-ray film. Independent offices appropriations To exclude certain vendors of newspapers or magazines from certain provisions of the Social Security Act and Internal Revenue	H. R.	4739 5214 5052	Dec. 15, 1947. Jan. 30 Jan. 20	WM App* WM*	Fin App* Fin	Feb. 23 Jan. 30 Feb. 3	Mar. 26 Mar. 12 Mar. 13	. 1288	1031 984 985	1610 1088 2143	3586 2841 3267	Feb. 24 Feb. 4 Mar. 4	Mar. 29 Mar. 15 Mar. 23	Apr. 20 Apr. 20 Apr. 20 ¹	490 491 492	ONGRESSIONAL
Code. Appointment of United States commissioners	H.R.	2645	Mar. 20, 1947.	PL	ПА	July 10, 1947.	Apr. 2	. 861	1052	9569	4289	July 21, 1947.	Apr. 12	Apr. 21	493	AN
for national parks. To transfer Remount Service from Department of Army to the Department of Agri-	H. R.	3484	May 15, 1947.	AS	AS	June 6, 1947	June 26, 1947	542	357	7090	4247	June 16, 1947.	Apr. 8	Apr. 21	494	
To extend the privilege of filing a petition under the farmer-debtor provisions of the	H.R.	4326	July 22, 1947.	Jud	Jud	July 24, 1947.	Apr. 6	. 1063	1056	10214	4291	July 25, 1947.	Apr. 12	Apr. 21	495	RECORD
Bankruptcy Act. To conduct research on foot-and-mouth dis-	S.	2038	Jan. 21	Agr	Agr*	Feb. 26	Feb. 9	1425	886	4264	1692	Apr. 8	Feb. 25	Apr. 24	496	RI
ease. Authorizing transfer of surplus property to Department of the Interior for consolida- tion of Federal holdings within areas ad- ministered by the National Park Service.	(H. R. H. R.	3703	June 3, 1947	PL	ПА	July 10, 1947.	Apr. 7	. 856	1109	9568	4297	July 21, 1947.	Apr. 12	Apr. 24	497	LD
To provide for the commemoration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of establishment of Navy Department.	S. J. Res	s. 207	Apr. 8	AS	AS	Apr. 15	Apr. 12	1742	1115	4646	4298	Apr. 20	Apr. 12	Apr. 26	498	AILY
Regarding conveyance of parcel of land for use of University of Maryland.	S.	1583	July 8, 1947	PL	IIA	Apr. 7	Feb. 3	1669	873	4632	1173	Apr. 20	Feb. 19	Apr. 27	499	D
Prohibiting operation of gambling ships To amend title 17 of the United States Code entitled "Copyrights," to increase fee.	S. H. R.	560 4931	Feb. 10, 1947. Jan. 13	Jud Jud	Jud Jud		Apr. 29, 1947 Apr. 6	. 1700 1366	147 1057	4640 1943	4565 4290		May 6, 1947 Apr. 12	Apr. 27 Apr. 27	500 501	IGE
Relative to payment to officers and members of the Fort Peck Business Committee (Fort Peck Tribe).	S.	1021	Apr. 2, 1947	PL	IIA	Apr. 7	Feb. 24	1667	901	4632	1689	Apr. 20	Feb. 25	Apr. 28	502	TS
To authorize the sale of certain public lands in San Juan County, Utah, to the South- west Indian Mission.		2278 5763)	Mar. 9	PL	IIA	Apr. 7	Mar. 22	1692	1018	4639	3584	Apr. 20	Mar. 29	Apr. 28	503	
Establishing Fort Sumter National Monu- ment in South Carolina.	S. J. Re	s. 94	Mar. 31, 1947.	PL	ПА	Apr. 7	July 3, 1947.	1670	430	4632	9028	Apr. 21	July 16, 1947.	Apr. 28	504	
Extending jurisdiction of District Court, Hawaii.	S.	1696	July 22, 1947.	Jud	ПА	Apr. 18	July 24, 1947	1701	743	4641	10301	Apr. 20	July 26, 1947.	Apr. 29	505	
Daylight-saving time for the District of Co- lumbia.	S.	1481	June 20, 1947.	DC	DC	Apr. 26	July 9, 1947.	1813		4891	4103	Apr. 26	Apr. 6	Apr. 29	506	
To continue rent control in the District of Columbia until Mar. 31, 1949.	S.	2195	Feb. 20	DC	DC		Apr. 2	······	1053	4650	4397	Apr. 20	Apr. 14	Apr. 29	507	D
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oviding for payment of \$50 to members of	S. 1468	June 18, 1947.	PL	ПА	Apr. 7	Feb. 25	1668	932	4632	2288	Apr. 20	Mar. 8	Apr. 30	508
Mescalero Apache Indian Tribe. amend the District of Columbia Revenue Act to exempt certain business transactions	S. 2409	Mar. 30	DC	DC*	Apr. 23	Mar. 31	1792	1042	4884	4287	Apr. 26	Apr. 12	May 3	509
rom franchise tax. permit free entry of wood waste for use	H. R. 5328	Feb. 9	WM	Fin	Feb. 23	Mar. 26	1416	1032	1609	3586	Feb. 24	Mar. 29	May 3	510
s firewood. thorizing reimbursement of naval person- el for cost of necessary medical or hos-	H. R. 1275	Jan. 23, 1947.	AS	AS	Feb. 5	Apr. 22	1347	1159	1941	4813	Mar. 1	Apr. 26	May 4	511
ital services while on authorized leave, increase the permitted rate of allowance nd compensation in relation to veterans'	S. 1393 (H. R. 246)	June 5, 1947	VA*	LPW*	Feb. 26, 1947.	July 2, 1947	77	419	991	10147	Feb. 3	July 25, 1947.	May 4	512
absistence grants. Thorizing Secretary of Navy to provide	H. R. 4490	Nov. 18, 1947	AS*	AS	Mar. 24	Apr. 22	1605	1158	4125	4813	Apr. 6	Apr. 26	May 4	513
alvage facilities. ending reciprocal income-tax exemption o earnings of aircraft under foreign	H. R. 5448	Feb. 17	WM	Fin	Feb. 27	Apr. 15	1435	1128	2141	4815	Mar. 4	Apr. 26	May 4	514
gistry as now granted foreign-flag ships. horizing special stamp in honor of Five	S. J. Res. 189	Feb. 23	POCS	POCS	Apr. 12	Mar. 11	1719	979	4642	2806	Apr. 20	Mar. 15	May 4	515
vilized Tribes of Indians in Oklahoma, uthorize loans for Indians from revolving nds.	(H. J. Res. 329) H. R. 2622	Mar. 18, 1947.	PL	IIA	July 16, 1947.	Apr. 20	939	1147	9585	4810	July 21, 1947.	Apr. 26	May 7	516
tive to retired pay for certain members the Army and Navy Nurse Corps.	H. R. 4090 (S. 1570)	July 7, 1947	AS*	AS*	Feb. 26	Apr. 22	1429	1156	2851	4813	Mar. 15	Apr. 26	May 7	517
ending Shipping Act relative to officer of corporation authorized to execute sale or onveyance of a vessel.	S. 1132	Apr. 18, 1947.	MMF	IFC	Apr. 26	July 12, 1947.	1809	509	5203	9042	May 3	July 16, 1947.	May 10	518
ending time for completion of bridge cross Sauk Rapids, Minn.	H. R. 6055 S. 1611	Mar. 30 July 11, 1947.	App* PW	App* PW	Mar. 30 Apr. 15	Apr. 23 Jan. 21	1618 1745	1164 828	3995 5198	4821 502	Apr. 1 May 3	Apr. 26 Jan. 26	May 10 May 11	519 520
thorizing expenditures of income from ederal Industries, Inc., for training of	S. 1648	July 17, 1947.	Jud	Expend	Apr. 1	July 23, 1947.	1653	691	5195	9920	May 3	July 24, 1947.	May 11	521
federal prisoners. authorize the Postmaster General to withhold the awarding of star-route con-	S. J. Res. 198 (H. J. Res. 347)	Mar. 17	POCS	POCS	Apr. 1	Apr. 7	1654	1112	5204	4297	May 3	Apr. 12	May 11	522
racts for a period of 60 days. validate certain payments for shipment of ousehold effects of civilian employees.	S. 1298	May 15, 1947.	Jud	AS*	Apr. 20	Jan. 23	1763	838	5200	504	May 3	Jan. 26	May 12	523
horizing a bridge at Yorktown, Va license radiotelegraph operators on mer-	S. 1545 H. R. 1036	July 1, 1947 Jan. 16, 1947.	PW MMF	PW IFC*	Apr. 15 June 30, 1947.	Jan. 21 Mar. 31	1744 736	827 1045	5197 8360	502 4288	May 3 July 7, 1947	Jan. 26 Apr. 12	May 12 May 12	524 525
nant vessels. blishing eligibility for burial in national meteries.	S. 1620 (H. R. 4203)	July 12, 1947.	PL	ПА	Apr. 7	Feb. 24	1678	903	5195	1747	May 3	Feb. 26	May 14	526
horizing construction of courthouse to commodate the United States Court of ppeals for the District of Columbia and istrict Court of the United States for	H. R. 5963 (S. 2284)	Mar. 23	PW*	PW*	Mar. 29	Apr. 28	1617	1172	4905	5468	Apr. 27	May 10	May 14	527
he District of Columbia. amend the Boulder Canyon Project Ad- astment Act relative to Boulder City	S. 1985	Jan. 14,	PL	ПА	Apr. 22	Mar. 15	1779	1011	5200	3584	May 3	Mar. 29	May 14	528
chool district. thorizing sale of certain Indian lands	H. R. 5262	Feb. 3	PL	IIA	Apr. 7	May 4	1688	1232	4637	5477	Apr. 20	May 10	May 14	529

Allowing seniority privilege of transfer to certain vacancies on rural-carrier routes.	H.R.	1189	Jan. 21, 1947.	POCS	POCS	July 18, 1947.	May 3	993	1228	325	5477	Jan. 19	May 10	May 18	530
Increasing the amount of Federal aid to State homes for disabled United States soldiers and sailors.	H. R.	1562	Jan. 30, 1947.	AS	AS	Apr. 8	May 6	1702	1249	4644	5478	Apr. 20	May 10	May 18	531
Authorizing attendance of Marine Band at	H. R.	5035	Jan. 20	PL	AS	Apr. 26	May 6	1819	1250	1333	5479	Feb. 16	May 10	May 18	532
GAR encampment. Authorizing the FWA to construct a GAO	H. R.	4068	July 2, 1947	PW	PW*	July 17, 1947.	Apr. 28	974	1171	10216	5468	July 25, 1947.	May 10	May 18	533
building. To acquire land in California for wildlife	H.R.	107	Jan. 3, 1947	MMF*	IFC*	June 19, 1947.	Apr. 30	609	1217	8338	5475	July 7, 1947	May 10	May 18	534
management and control. Relative to retirement pay of officers who have served as assistant commandants or	H. R.	4892	Jan. 8	MMF	IFC	Apr. 14	Apr. 30	1739	1211	4645	5474	Apr. 20	May 10	May 19	535
engineers in chief of the U. S. Coast Guard. For the relief of Jeffersonville flood-control	H. R.	2000	Feb. 17, 1947.	Jud	Jud	Jan. 26	Apr. 30	1269	1202	988	5471	Feb. 3	May 10	May 19	536
district in Indiana. Relating to the transfer of surplus lands for	H. R.	4018	July 1, 1947	MMF	IFC*	July 17, 1947.	Apr. 30	972	1220	9594	5475	July 21, 1947.	May 10	May 19	537
wildlife purposes. To amend the Immigration Act relative to	H. R.	5137	Jan. 26	Jud	Jud	Mar. 18	Apr. 30	1574	1206	4123	5471	Apr. 6	May 10	May 19	538
nonquota immigrants. Extending time for application for benefits	H. R.	5805	Mar. 10	AS*	AS	Mar. 23	May 6	1600	1251	4125	5478	Apr. 6	May 10	May 19	539
of Mustering-Out Payment Act. Relative to duty-free import of racing shells	H. R.	5933	Mar. 22	WM	Fin	Apr. 12	May 6	1718	1254	4691	5479	Apr. 21	May 10	May 19	540
for preparation of the Olympic games. Regulating casualty-insurance rates in the	H. R.	3998	June 26, 1947.	DC*	DC	July 11, 1947.	Mar. 31	901	1038	8937	4818	July 15, 1947.	Apr. 26	May 20	541
District of Columbia. Sale of certain Indian lands in Flathead Res-	H. R.	5118	Jan. 26	PL	IIA	Mar. 3	May 4	1494	1240	2854	5478	Mar. 15	May 10	May 20	542
ervation to the State of Montana. Authorizing conveyance of certain lands in South Dakota for municipal or public pur-	H. R.	5651	Mar. 1	PL	ПА	Apr. 7	May 4	1690	1233	4638	5477	Apr. 20	May 10	May 20	543
poses. Relative to navigation rules on western rivers.	H. R.	3350	May 6, 1947	MMF	IFC*	May 20, 1947.	Apr. 30	406	1215	8363	5476	July 7, 1947	May 10	May 21	544
To rehabilitate oyster beds in Mississippi and Louisiana.		3505	May 19, 1947.	MMF	IFC*	June 30, 1947.	Apr. 30	750	1218	8357	5475	July 7, 1947	May 10	May 21	545
Construction of dam on Lumber River, N. C	H. R. (S. 226	5543	Feb. 24	PW*	PW	Apr. 15	Apr. 28	1746	1174	5198	5469	May 3	May 10	May 21	546
Making supplemental appropriations for national defense for fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, involving over \$3,000,000,		6226	Apr. 14	App*	App*	Apr. 14	Apr. 30	1729	1223	4548	5408	Apr. 15	May 6	May 21	547
000 for construction of airplanes. To extend the powers of the RFC to 1954,	S.	2287	Mar. 10	BC*	BC*	Apr. 29	Mar. 10	1836	974	5433	4112	May 6	Apr. 6	May 25	548
plus 2 years for liquidation purposes. To add 2 members to the National Advisory	s.	1571	July 7	AS	AS	May 13	Feb. 18	1952	893	6011	2804	May 18	Mar. 15	May 25	549
Committee for Aeronautics. To amend the General Bridge Act of 1946	S.	1651	July 17, 1947.	PW	PW	May 11	Mar. 2	1928	958	6008	2291	May 18	Mar. 8	May 25	550
relative to toll charges. Easement for construction of water main at	(H. R. 4 S.	4190) 2233	Feb. 17	AS	AS	May 11	May 6	1914	1247	6006	5479	May 18	May 10	May 25	551
naval air station, Alameda, Calif. To deny admission to United States of persons	(H. R. 5	5642) 1878	Feb. 12, 1947.	Jud	Jud	Jan. 29	Apr. 30	1286	1199	988	5470	Feb. 3	May 10	May 25	552
deemed to endanger the public safety. To sell and lease certain houses, apartments,	H. R.	4966	Jan. 14	PL	IIA	Apr. 7	Apr. 20	1683	1146	4637	5086	Apr. 20	Apr. 30	May 25	553
and lands in Boulder City, Nev. Providing for adjustment of irrigation charges on Flathead Indian irrigation	(S. 144 H. R.		Mar. 2	PL*	ПА	Apr. 7	May 4	1691	1234	4639	5477	Apr. 20	May 10	May 25	554
project.	H. R.	6067	Mar. 31	PL	ПА	Apr. 22	May 6	1785	1243	5203	5478	May 2	May 10	May 25	555
Amendatory repayment contract with North- port irrigation district. Authorizing studies of clams in New England	1 2	1979		MMF	IFC*	La L		1949	1216	6011	5474	May 3	May 10	May 26	556
States.		Land Comment	Jan. 14	AS*	AS	May 12	Apr. 30	3.636.0		A STABILITY OF STATE		May 18		15.0	10000
Establishing the Civil Air Patrol as a civilian auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force.	- tartine const	5298	Feb. 5	A SHARE OF THE	1 10	Apr. 15	May 21	1749	1374	5199	6309	May 3			557
Requesting President to designate Memorial Day of 1948 as a day for Nation-wide prayer for peace.	(H. J. Res	s. 406)	May 18	Jud	Jud	May 25	May 19	2026	1360	6440	6307	May 25	May 24	May 28	558
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Title	Bill No.	duced	House	Senate	House	Senate	House	Senate	House	Senate	House	Senate	Date approved	No.
efining notice requirements before public lands reserved as power sites are declared open to location for entry.	S. 13	05 May 16, 1947	PW	PW	May 11	July 22, 1947.	1922	686	6006	9937	May 18	July 24, 1947.	May 28	559
provide transportation for certain Govern-	S. 15	25 June 27, 1947.	AS*	AS	May 11	Feb. 17	1909	890	6004	1685	May 18	Feb. 25	May 28	560
ment and other personnel. Impensation for holders of grazing permits and licenses for losses sustained by reason of such use of public lands for national de-	S. 18	74 Dec. 15, 1947	PL	IIA	May 5	Apr. 2	1858	1050	5995	4289	May 18	Apr. 12	May 28	561
fense purposes. authorize airport in Anchorage, Alaska clative to distribution of payments from	H. R. 35 S. 10		IFC* PL	IFC* IIA	July 17, 1947. May 5	Apr. 30 Apr. 20	988 1856	1219 1143	2507 6012	5472 4811	Mar. 10 May 18	May 10 Apr. 26	May 28 June 1	
potassium leases under act of Oct. 2, 1917. authorize the appointment of cadets and	S. 17	23 July 24, 1947.	AS	AS	May 13	Feb. 18	1951	894	6011	2803	May 18	Mar. 15	June 1	564
midshipmen from Canada. athorizing exchange of certain property in	S. 20		AS	AS	May 11	May 6	1910	1245	6005	5479	May 18	May 10	June 1	565
Kearney, Nebr. athorizing appointment of special police- men on property under jurisdiction of	(H. R. 518 H. R. 32		PW	PW	June 12, 1947.	Apr. 30	582	1176	8333	5470	July 7, 1947	May 10	June 1	566
amend the Nationality Act relative to naturalizing aliens who served in armed	H. R. 51	93 Jan. 29	Jud	Jud	Feb. 19	Apr. 30	1408	1207	1947	5471	Mar. 1	May 10	June 1	567
forces. ansfer of lot in Fairbanks, Alaska ansferring small area in Alaska from Anchorage land district to that of Fair- banks.	H. R. 1 H. R. 33	83 Jan. 3, 1947. 44 May 6, 1947.	Jud PL	IIA IIA	Mar. 9 Feb. 5	May 13 May 12	1542 1348	1290 1280	2856 1333	6296 6295	Mar. 15 Feb. 16	May 24 May 24	June 1 June 1	569
plorado River development fund	H. R. 59		PL	ПА	Apr. 22	May 12	1783	1270	5992	6291	May 18	May 24	June 1	570
amend Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 rela-	(S. 2346) H. R. 63 (S. 2548)	02 Apr. 21	PL	IIA	May 5	May 17	1867	1306	5996	6298	May 18	May 24	June 1	571
tive to options. lative to quartering participating troops in public buildings of the District for the Presidential inauguration ceremonies in	H. J. Res. 3		DC	DC	Apr. 26	May 21	1816	1382	4889	6310	Apr. 26	May 24	June 1	
1949. oviding basic authority for certain func- tions and activities of the Weather Bureau.	H. R. 44	26 July 26, 1947.	IFC*	IFC	Jan. 22	May 21	1256	1369	988	6309	Feb. 3	May 24	June 2	1
provide for the maintenance of public order and the protection of life and prop- erty in connection with the Presidential	H. J. Res. 3	79 Apr. 21	DC	DC	Apr. 26	May 21	1814	1384	4888	6311	Apr. 26	May 24	June 3	100
inaugural ceremonies of 1949. Athorizing the granting of permits to the Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies on the occasion of the inauguration of the Presi-	H. J. Res. 3	80 Apr. 21	DC	DC	Apr. 26	May 21	1815	1381	4889	6310	Apr. 26	May 24	June 3	
dent-elect in January 1949. o increase acreage of sodium leases which may be issued in any State to a person,	S. 10	06 Mar. 31, 1947	PL	IIA	Mar. 9	July 21, 1947.	1541	646	6227	9382	May 20	July 23, 1947.	June 3	576
association, or corporation. terans' hospital at Camp White, Medford,	S. 10	35 Apr. 2, 1947.	VA*	LPW*	June 1	May 18	2100	1344	6842	6307	June 1	May 24	June 3	577
Oreg.	H. R. 16	08 Feb. 3, 1947.	POCS	POCS	Apr. 26	May 13	1798	1286	5203	6295	May 3	May 24	June 3	578
for certain powerboat service in Alaska. ducing the area of Parker River National Wildin Refuge, Mass.	H. R. 35	78 May 22, 1947.	MMF*	IFC	Apr. 14	May 13	1725	1288	4645	6296	Apr. 20	May 24	June 3	579

State compact over division of waters of the	H. R. 3603	May 23, 1947.	PL I	IIA	Feb 3	May 12	1296	1269	1220 1	6201	E-b 16	1 Man 25		12 E		
Snake River.	(S. 1445)					1500		65219	1330	6381		May 25			580	194
To amend Hawaiian Homes Commission Act designating certain public lands as avail- able home lands.	H. R. 3633	May 27, 1947.	PL	IIA	Apr. 7	May 13	1672	1291	4633	6296	Apr. 20	May 24	June	3	581	48
Ratifying joint resolution by Legislature of Hawaii on sale of public lands for home- steads.	H. R. 3635	May 27, 1947.	PL	ПА	Apr. 7	May 12	1673	1271	4633	6292	Apr. 20	May 24	June	3	582	
To amend Interstate Commerce Act to pro- vide for recovery by initial carrier from connecting carriers of legal costs in cases of	H. R. 3730	June 5, 1947	IFC	IFC	Feb. 27	May 21	1434	1373	2852	6310	Mar. 15	May 24	June	3	583	
damage and injury incurred on lines of con-	of Fig. 19	200	to the			ingle-	a ima	1 394	Contract		in and			30		
necting carriers. Approving Act 74 of Hawaiian Legislature relative to public bonds.	H. R. 3954	June 24, 1947.	PL	ПА	Apr. 7	May 13	1675	1292	4635	6296	Apr. 20	May 24	June	3	584	
Ratifying an act of Hawaii, 1947	H. R. 4091	July 7, 1947	PL	IIA	Apr. 7	May 13	1676	1293	4635	6296	Apr. 20	May 24	June		585	0
Authorizing payments to school district serving Fort Peck project in Montana.	H. R. 4201	July 15, 1947	PL	IIA	Apr. 7	May 17	1677	1307	4635	6299	Apr. 20	May 24	June	3	586	0
Providing for distribution, promotion, sepa- ration, and retirement of officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey.	H. R. 4393	July 25, 1947.	MMF	IFC	Apr. 14	May 21	1736	1368	5196	6313	May 3	May 24	June	3	587	NGI
To convey land to State of Oklahoma for	H. R. 4512	Nov. 18, 1947.	PL	ПА	Apr. 7	May 17	1679	1308	4636	6299	Apr. 20	May 24	June	3	588	GRE
Northeastern State College, Oklahoma. To eliminate requirements of oaths in certain land matters.	H. R. 4513	Nov. 18, 1947.	PL	ПА	Feb. 3	May 17	1307	1309	1332	6299	Feb. 16	May 24	June	3	589	SS
Relative to surplus Government lands to Cape Hatteras seashore recreational area project.	H. R. 4551	Nov. 24, 1947.	PL	ПА	Apr. 7	May 17	1680	1310	4636	6298	Apr. 20	May 24	June	3	590	ION
Granting service credit to certain enlisted men of the Coast Guard.	H. R. 4804	Dec. 18, 1947.	MMF	IFC	Apr. 14	May 21	1737	1371	4645	6309	Apr. 20	May 24	June	3	591	AL
Amending Public Law 219 (80th Cong.) relative to the number of officers holding permanent appointments on the active list	H. R. 4817	Dec. 19, 1947.	MMF	IFC	Apr. 14	May 21	1738	1372	4646	6309	Apr. 20	May 24	June	3	592	RE
of the Coast Guard.	the Tolker was		11/1/33		2012	143 77 57	The state of	FEET	d5(80)				THE S			a
Permitting increase of tax on assessed valua- tion of lands in Alaska.	H. R. 5122	Jan. 26	PL	ПА	Mar. 10	May 12	1551	1272	4123	6291	Apr. 6	May 24	June	3	593	OR
To amend Hawaiian Homes Commission Act by designating certain public lands as avail- able home lands.	H. R. 5173	Jan. 29	PL	ПА	Apr. 7	May 19	1685	1359	4637	6307	Apr. 20	May 24	June	3	594	7
Relative to issuance of public improvement bonds by Hawaii.	H. R. 5175	Jan. 29	PL	ПА	Apr. 7	May 12	1686	1281	4637	6295	Apr. 20	May 24	June	3	595	DA
Credits in connection with homestead inter- ests of certain World War II veterans.	H. R. 5244	Feb. 2	PL	ПА	Apr. 7	May 17	1687	1312	4637	6298	Apr. 20	May 24	June	3	596	H
State, Justice, Commerce appropriations for 1949.	H. R. 5607	Feb. 27	Арр*	App*	Feb. 27	Apr. 23,	1433	1166	2251	4827	Mar. 5	Apr. 26	June	3	597	X
To convey to State, or participating subdi- visions, roads to certain historical areas administered by the Department of the	H. R. 5839	Mar. 15	PL	ПА	Apr. 14	May 17	1732	1313	4644	6299	Apr. 20	May 24	June	3	598	DIGE
Interior. To provide additional allowances for escort	H. R. 5870	Mar. 16	AS*	AS	Mar. 23	May 17	1601	1303	4631	6296	Apr. 20	May 24	June	2	599	EST
of war dead. Relating to the issuance of reentry permits to	H. R. 5922	Mar. 22	Jud	Jud	May 11		1934	1326	6009	6312	May 18		June	.34	600	H
certain aliens. Amending the act incorporating the Protes-	(S. 2349) H. R. 6209	Apr. 12	DC	DC		EVEN IISHE		1			A TOTAL					
tant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation of the District of Columbia.				100	Apr. 22	May 21	1789	1380	4884	6310	Apr. 26	May 24	June	3	601	
Authorizing modifications in the repayment contracts within Lower Yellowstone Irri- gation District.	H. R. 3731 (S. 1386)	June 5, 1947	PL	IIA	Apr. 22	May 12	1780	1277	5200	6293	May 3	May 24	June	.4	602	
Authorizing Minnesota to condemn certain lands for fish propagation.	H. R. 3785	June 10, 1497.	PL	ПА	Apr. 14	May 17	1730	1304	4644	6298	Apr. 20	May 24	June	4	603	
Providing school facilities at Yellowstone National Park.	(S. 1413) H. R. 4823	Dec. 19, 1947.	PL	ПА	Feb. 3	May 13	1305	1294	1332	6296	Feb. 16	May 24	June	4	604	1
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Title v	Bill No.	duced	House	Senate	House	Senate	House	Senate	House	Senate	House	Senate	Date approved	No
establish a District of Columbia Armory	H. R. 5874	Mar. 16	DC	DC	Mar. 19	May 21	1584	1376	3246	6309	Mar. 22	May 24	June 4	60
Board. mporary extension of certain provisions of	H. R. 6659	May 24	BC*	BC	May 24	May 26	2022	1407	6492	6679	May 26	May 28	June 4	60
Second Decontrol Act of 1947. authorize issuance of special postage-	(S. 2746) H. J. Res. 339	Mar. 4	POCS	POCS	Mar. 24	May 12	1610	1275	4125	6292	Apr. 6	May 24	June 4	60
tamp series in honor of volunteer firemen. thorizing stamps commemorative of	H. J. Res. 341	Mar. 5	POCS	POCS	Mar. 24	May 4	1604	1238	4125	6761	Apr. 6	June 1	June 4	60
ounding of Fort Kearney, Nebr. issue golden-anniversary stamp com- nemorating the consolidation of the 5	H. J. Res. 371 (S. J. Res. 210)	Apr. 7	POCS	POCS	Apr. 26	May 13	1818	1285	5204	6295	May 3	May 24	June 4	60
oroughs of New York City. ating to the meat-inspection service of the	S. 2256	Mar. 4	Agr*	Agr	May 4	Apr. 7	1852	1107	6238	4296	May 20	Apr. 12	June 5	61
epartment of Agriculture. provide statutory authority for certain	H. R. 3638	May 27, 1947.	POCS	POCS	June 18, 1947.	May 4	597	1236	8333	6761	July 7, 1947	June 1	June 8	61
opropriations for National Archives. ending the Tariff Act of 1930, relative to	H. R. 5965	Mar. 23	WM	Fin	May 11	May 27	1919	1421	6006	6782	May 18	June 1	June 8	6
ties on certain beverages.	H. R. 6242	Apr. 14	WM	Fin	May 11	May 27	1917	1416	6006	6781	May 18	June 1	June 8	6
portation of scrap metals. Dermit foreign articles to be imported try-free for exhibition purposes at the ternational Industrial Exposition, Inc.,	H. J. Res. 384	Apr. 26	WM	Fin	May 18	May 28	1968	1425	5990	6783	May 18	June 1	June 8	6
clantic City. iding treatment of sexual psychopaths in	H. R. 6071	Mar. 31	DC	DC	Apr. 22	May 21	1787	1377	4885	6310	Apr. 26	May 24	June 9	6
e District of Columbia. mend the Surplus Property Act of 1944 as to dispose of surplus real property to ates, political subdivisions, and munici-	S. 2277	Mar. 8	Expend	AS	Apr. 8	Mar. 8	1697	970	5261	2805	May 4	Mar. 15	June 10	6
lities for public parks, etc.	H. R. 4236	July 16, 1947.	POCS	POCS	July 25, 1947.	Apr. 30	1092	1222	323	5472	Jan. 19	May 10	June 10	6
ndicapped persons in the civil service. uthorize joint survey of parkway along e Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.	H. R. 5155	Jan. 27	PL	IIA	Apr. 7	May 17	1684	1311	4636	6763	Apr. 20	June 1	June 10	6
osal of surplus sand at Fort Story, Va nding the act relative to establishment Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial	H. R. 5283 H. R. 5816	Feb. 4 Mar. 11	AS PL	AS IIA	May 11 Apr. 7	May 26 May 27	1930 1693	1402 1419	6008 4640	6776 6782	May 18 Apr. 20		June 10 June 10	6
rk, N. Dak. norizing stamps commemorative of one- indredth anniversary of the poultry dustry.	H. J. Res. 246 (S. J. Res. 154)	July 19, 1947.	POCS	POCS	July 24, 1947.	Mar. 11	1058	976	10262	6856	July 25, 1947.	June 2	June 10	6
orizing stamps commemorative of the chundredth anniversary of the American rners Society in the United States.	H. J. Res. 340	Mar. 4	POCS	POCS	Mar. 25	May 4	1614	1237	4126	6761	Apr. 6	June 1	June 10	6
any salaries for period of separation from overnment service to persons improperly noved.	S. 1486	June 20, 1947.	POCS	POCS	Feb. 27	July 2, 1947	1436	414	2852	72	Mar. 15	Jan. 12	June 10	6
norizing \$10,000,000 for stopgap emer- ncy housing in Columbia River flood dis- ter.	S. J. Res. 231	June 9							7734	7956	June 10	June 9	June 11	6
provide a permanent basis for women in	S. 1641	July 16, 1947.	AS ·	AS	Mar. 29	July 16, 1947.	1616	567	4694	9793	Apr. 21	July 23, 1947.	June 12	6

Army and Air Force construction at military installations.	S. 1676 (H. R. 4122) (H. R. 6342)	July 19, 1947.	AS	AS*	July 23, 1947. Apr. 28	July 19, 1947.	1048, 1828	629	6226	81	May 20	Jan. 12	June 12	626	194
Providing for construction of water-filtration plant on West Point Military Reservation.	H. R. 2359	Mar. 4, 1947	AS*	AS	Apr. 8	May 6	1704	1252	4643	5478	Apr. 20	May 10	June 12	627	00
Removing statutory limitation on appropri- ations for repairs or alterations of naval	H. R. 4721	Dec. 15, 1947.	AS*	AS	Feb. 4	May 3	1328	1226	1940	5476	Mar. 1	May 10	June 12	628	
vessels. Authorizing construction of Kennewick division of Yakima irrigation project, Washington	H. R. 4954	Jan. 14	PL	ПА	Mar. 4	May 26	1507	1404	5263	6776	May 4	June 1	June 12	629	
ington. To extend to July 1, 1949, duty-free entry of newsprint of 9 to 15 inches in width.	H. R. 5553	Feb. 25	WM	Fin	Mar. 22	May 6	1590	1253	4632	6761	Apr. 20	June 1	June 12	630	
Adding certain lands to Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, N. Dak.	H. R. 5587	Feb. 26	PL*	IIA	Apr. 22	May 27	1782	1417	5201	6782	May 3	June 1	June 12	631	
To construct railroad right-of-way in Rich-	H. R. 6056	Mar. 30	PL	IIA	Apr. 22	May 26	1784	1405	5202	6776	May 3	June 1	June 12	632	a
mond County, N. Y. Amending the ICC Act relative to foreign-	H. R. 6078	Mar. 31	IFC	IFC	May 6	May 27	1874	1422	5996	6782	May 18	June 1	June 12	633	NO NO
cruise travel. Amending Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.	H. R. 6091	Apr. 1	PL	IIA	Apr. 22	May 26	1786	1406	5203	6776	May 3	June 1	June 12	634	GR
Extending the time for release, free of estate	H. J. Res. 395	May 6	WM	Fin	May 11	May 21	1907	1383	5596	6311	May 11	May 24	June 12	635	田
and gift tax, of powers of appointment. Observance of two-hundredth anniversary of founding of Washington and Lee Univer-	S. J. Res. 227	June 3							7161	7032	June 4	June 3	June 14	636	SSIO
sity. Authorizing Secretary of Navy to settle all claims against the United States resulting from explosions at Port Chicago, Calif., in	H. R. 669	Jan. 8, 1947	Jud	Jud	June 24, 1947.	May 18	643	1355	9562	6305	July 21, 1947.	May 24	June 14	637	NAL
July 1944. Amending Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.	H. R. 3680	June 2, 1947	PL	IIA	Apr. 7	May 26	1674	1403	4633	6776	Apr. 20	June 1	June 14	638	R
Labor-Federal Security appropriations for	H. R. 5728	Mar. 5	App*	App*	Mar. 5	Apr. 22	1519	1165	2339	4823	Mar. 8	Apr. 26	June 14	639	EC
1949. Treasury-Post Office appropriations for 1949. Legislative appropriations for 1949. Maintaining the status quo of social-security	H. R. 5770 H. R. 6500 H. J. Res. 296	Mar. 8 May 11 Jan. 15	App* App* WM	App* App* Fin*	Mar. 9 May 11 Feb. 3	May 24 June 2 May 6	1532 1906 1319	1389 1446 1255	2552 5795 1893	6694 7015 7134	Mar. 11 May 13 Feb. 27	May 28 June 3 June 4	June 14 June 14 June 14	640 641 642	ORD-
coverage. Providing for membership and participation by the United States in the World Health Organization, and authorizing an appro- priation therefor.	S. J. Res. 98 (H. J. Res. 161) (H. J. Res. 409)		FA*	FR	July 17, 1947. May 20	July 2, 1947	979, 1999	421	6734	8326	May 28	July 7, 1947	June 14	643	-DAI
To authorize construction of Preston Bench reclamation project in Idaho.	S. 1987 (H. R. 5313)	Jan. 14	PL	IIA	May 25	May 12	2028	1274	7384	6292	June 8	May 24	June 15	644	LY
To provide for protection of potato and to- mato production from the golden nema-	S. 2137	Feb. 9	Agr	Agr	June 3	Apr. 7	2187	1106	7422	4296	June 8	Apr. 12	June 15	645	DI
tode. Federal Security Agency supplemental ap-	H. R. 6355	Apr. 27	App*	App*	Apr. 27	June 2	1821	1444	5065	7018	Apr. 29	June 3	June 161	646	GE
propriations for 1949. To encourage development of an international		Apr. 30	IFC	IFC*	May 10	Apr. 30	1892	1210	5997	6098	May 18	May 19	June 16	647	ST
air-transportation system. Issuance of stamp commemorative of William		May 25	POCS	POCS	May 28	June 11	2078	1607	7391	7945	June 8	June 12	June 16	648	
Allen White, writer. Improving harbor at Nome, Alaska			PW	PW*	Apr. 15	Apr. 28	1748	1173	7110	6312	June 3	May 24	June 16	649	
To authorize revision of boundaries of Cari-	(H. R. 6228) S. 1037	Apr. 2, 1947	PL	IIA	May 28	Feb. 3	2081	877	7391	1173	June 8	Feb. 9	June 16	650	
bou National Forest in Idaho. Authorizing additional research and investigation into problems and methods relating	S. 1249 (H. R. 1043)	May 8, 1947	Agr*	Agr*	May 24	June 26, 1947.	2020	363	7383	8224	June 8	July 3, 1947	June 16	651	
to eradication of cattle grubs. Making surplus athletic equipment available to organizations, etc.	S. 1302	May 16, 1947.	Expend	AS	May 6	July 25, 1947.	1869	764	7388	10305	June 8	July 26, 1947.	June 16	652	
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uthorizing construction and repair of designated naval public works.	S. 1675 (H. R. 3314) (H. R. 6341)	July 19, 1947.	AS	AS	July 2, 1947 Apr. 28	July 19, 1947.	783, 1827	628	6985	80	June 2	Jan. 12	June 16	65:
construct and operate bridges or tunnels		Feb. 23	PW	PW	June 1	Mar. 2	2098	960	7399	2804	June 8	Mar. 15	June 16	65
on Chesapeake Bay near Sandy Point, Md. support research and training in diseases	S. 2215	Fed. 25	IFC	LPW*	June 2	May 17	2144	1298	7412	6298	June 8	May 24	June 16	65
of the heart and circulation. amend the CAA of 1938 by limiting the iability of certain persons not in possession	S. 2455	Apr. 6	IFC	IFC*	June 1	May 20	2091	1363	7396	6307	June 8	May 24	June 16	65
f aircraft. provide safety in aviation and to direct an ovestigation of causes and characteristics	S. 2456	Apr. 6	IFC	IFC*	June 3	May 20	2170	1364	7421	6308	June 8	May 24	June 16	65
of thunderstorms. convey lands to Mystic River Bridge Authority for approaches to bridge at		Apr. 26	AS	AS	June 1	May 26	2101	1399	7400	6774	June 8	June 1	June 16	65
Chelsea, Mass. sement of land at Pungo, Va authorize travel expenses for vocational- rehabilitation purposes to VA beneficiaries	S. 2593 H. R. 5134 (S. 2806)	May 3 Jan. 26	AS VA*	AS Fin	June 1 June 1	May 17 June 7	2102 2129	1301 1522	7400 7402	6296 7708	June 8 June 8	May 24 June 10	June 16 June 16	65
and their attendants. extend section of the Servicemen's Read- ustment Act of 1944 relating to authority of the VA Administrator to enter into	H. R. 6730 (S. 2774)	May 27	VA*	Fin	June 1	June 7	2134	1523	7404	7708	June 8	June 10	June 16	66
eases not exceeding 5 years. amend the ICC Act relative to agreements	S. 110	Jan. 8, 1947	IFC*	IFC*	July 25, 1947	Mar. 3, 1947	1100	44	5648	7215	May 11	June 18, 1947	June 17	66
between interstate carriers. thorizing replica of Dade Monument for	(H. R. 221) S. 153	Jan. 10, 1947.	AS	AS	June 1	May 6	2127	1244	7401	5479	June 8	May 10	June 17	66
State of Florida. provide reimbursement to the Post Office Department by the Navy for shortages in	S. 1520	June 27, 1947.	AS	AS*	June 1	Jan. 30	2105	848	7401	857	June 8	Feb. 2	June 17	66
postal accounts occurring while commis- tioned officers of the Navy and Marine Corps are designated custodians of postal	II Carrie		V DT		Rest Electrical	Many and to the			Sell C	State of				
effects. oviding for the suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in the United States.	S. 2479 (H. R. 6335)	Apr. 12	· PL	IIA	May 25	May 4	2033	1239	7385	6761	June 8	June 1	June 17	66
convey certain public land to Pinellas	S. 2496	Apr. 14	PL	IIA	May 25	May 17	2031	1305	7385	6299	June 8,	May 24	June 17	66
county, Fla. revise the method of issuing patents for	(H. R. 6233) H. R. 3628	May 27, 1947.	PL	IIA	Feb. 3	May 28	1297	1428	1937	6784	Mar. 1	June 1	June 17	66
ublic lands. thorizing delegation to Secretary of Navy f certain discretionary powers of the	H. R. 4032	July 1, 1947	AS	AS	May 11	June 2	1926	1456	6012	7695	May 18	June 10	June 17	66
President. provide for the carrying of mail on star	S. 263	Jan. 17, 1947.	POCS*	POCS*	May 20	June 13, 1947.	2003	279	7101	7020	June 3	June 16, 1947.	June 19	66
outes. ative to detailing of Army personnel as	S. 295	Jan. 20, 1947.	AS	AS	June 2	Apr. 22	2148	1157	7413	4813	June 8	Apr. 26	June 19	67
tudents. oviding for the collection and publication of statistical information by the Bureau of		Feb. 10, 1947	POCS	POCS*	May 11	Apr. 24, 1947.	1936	141	6707	4564	May 28	May 6, 1947	June 19	67
the Census. regulate the business of insurance in the District of Columbia.	S. 612 (H. R. 1634)	Feb. 14, 1947.	DC	DC	June 4	June 26, 1947.	2218	371	7450	845	June 8	Feb 2	June 19	67

To authorize mileage fees at the rate of 7 cents per mile for marshals and their	S.	692	Feb. 24, 1947	Jud	Jud	May 10	Mar. 15	1897	995	7379	3583	June 8	Mar. 29	June 19	673	1948
deputies traveling on official business. Allowing credits to certain postal employees for establishing promotion eligibility.	S.	1082	Apr. 10, 1947.	POCS	POCS*	May 11	July 24, 1947.	1921	721	7380	10180	June 8	July 25, 1947.	June 19	674	48
To facilitate administrative procedures under the Naval Officers Training Act.	S.	1214	May 2, 1947	AS	AS*	June 2	Jan. 23	2149	832	7413	502	June 8	Jan. 26	June 19	675	
Amending District of Columbia Code, relative to liability for causing death by wrongful act.	S.	1265	May 12, 1947.	DC	DC	June 3	May 29, 1947.	2189	211	,7455	7009	June 8	June 16, 1947.	June 19	676	
To amend District of Columbia Code, relative to survival of court actions.	S.	1442	June 13, 1947.	DC	DC	June 4	June 26, 1947.	2209	374	7456	8225	June 8	July 3, 1947	June 19	677	
Medical care for reservists who are injured or contract diseases while engaged in military training.	S.	1470	June 18, 1947.	AS	AS*	May 18	Jan. 23	1969	830	7381	503	June 8	Jan. 26	June 19	678	
To authorize credit in certain accounts of United States property and disbursing officers under the War Department.	S.	1747	July 26, 1947.	Expend	Expend	June 2	May 12	2139	1282	7889	6295	June 11	May 24	June 19	679	CO
Retention in service of disabled Army per- sonnel.	S.	1783	Nov. 24, 1947.	AS*	AS*	June 3	Jan. 23	2172	834	7421	503	June 8	Jan. 26	June 19	680	NG
To authorize longevity credit for service under 18 years of age.	S.	1790	Nov. 24, 1947.	AS	AS	June 1	Feb. 18	2107	895	7401	1687	June 8	Feb. 25	June 19	681	RI
Transfer of lands at Camp Phillips, Kans To repeal certain regulations governing inquiries to be made in connection with disbursements by disbursing officers of the	S. S.	1791 1795	Nov. 24, 1947. Nov. 24, 1947.	VA*	AS AS	June 2 June 1	Jan. 23 Feb. 5	2143 2106	836 884	7404 7401	504 1174	June 8 June 8	Jan. 26 Feb. 9	June 19 June 19	682 683	GRESSIONA
Army. To amend the act to reclassify the salaries of postmasters, officers, and employees of the postal service to provide promotions of certain temporary employees.	S.	1861	Dec. 12, 1947.	POCS	POCS	- L = /-	May 17		1296	7423	6764	June 8	June 1	June 19	684	L
To restore land to town site of Wadsworth, Nev-	S.	1871	Dec. 15, 1947.	PL	ПА	May 26	Mar. 5	2042	969	7386	2297	June 8	Mar. 8	June 19	685	RE
To convey certain land to Pierre, S. Dak To increase maximum travel allowance for railway postal clerks.		1925 2152	Jan. 7 Feb. 9	PL POCS	IIA POCS	May 25 June 4	Apr. 20 May 3	2036 2201	1144 1227	7386 7477	4811 5477	June 8 June 8	Apr. 26 May 10	June 19 June 19	686 687	COR
Recreational park to Great Lakes, Ill To provide for sale at cost of certain war housing.	S. S.	2251 2288	Mar. 3 Mar. 11	AS* PW*	AS BC*	June 8 May 17		2259 1964	1299 1114	8489 7380	6296 4297	June 16 June 8	May 24 Apr. 12		688 689	D_
To authorize President to stop work on speci- fied combatant vessels notwithstanding statutory provisions for increase and re- placement of naval vessels.	S. (H. R.	2400 6049)	Mar. 29	AS*	AS	June 9	June 2	2269	1449	8497	7694	June 16	June 10	June 19	690	DAIL
Recording of liens in the District of Columbia on vehicles and trailers.	S.	2406	Mar. 30	DC	DC	June 4	May 21	2219	1375	7456	6309	June 8	May 24	June 19	691	K
Amending the CAA of 1938 to make further provision for recording of title to, interest in and encumbrances upon certain aircraft.	S.	2454	Apr. 6	IFC	IFC*	June 2	May 20	2165	1362	7419	6308	June 8	May 24	June 19	692	DIGEST
Return of certain lands to Puerto Rico Compensation payment of liens to District of Columbia hospitals.	S. S.	2592 2643	May 3 May 10	AS DC	AS DC	June 1	May 17 May 25	2103	1300 1396	7400 7452	6296 6770	June 8 June 8	May 24 June 1	June 19 June 19	693 694	EST
Extending admiralty jurisdiction relative to maritime tort claims.	H. R.	238	Jan. 3, 1947	Jud	Jud	Mar. 8	June 11	1523	1593	2855	7943	Mar. 15	June 12	June 19	695	1000
To grant certain benefits to Panama Canal employees.	H.R.	2273	Feb. 27, 1947.	MMF	IFC	July 1, 1947	June 4	756	1470	2849	7703	Mar. 15	June 10	June 19	696	
Maintenance of water level in upper Missis- sippi River for wildlife purposes.	H.R.	2721	Mar. 21, 1947.	MMF	IFC*	June 3, 1947	June 2	504	1448	7086	7693	June 16, 1947.	June 10	June 19	697	
Relative to financing bridge over the Missouri River at Rulo, Nebr.	H.R.	3402	May 9, 1947	PW	PW	May 11	June 2	1924	1441	6007	7693	May 18	June 10	June 19	698	
Amending District of Columbia Code, to provide for 2-platoon system in Fire Department.	H. R.	3433	May 13, 1947.	DC	DC	June 21, 1947.	‡Mar. 31	630	1037	7574	6754	June 23, 1947.	June 1	June 19	699	
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Transfer of vessel Hygiene to Territory of	H. R.	3883	June 13, 1947.	AS	AS	May 11	June 3	1925	1466	6007	7699	May 18	June 10	June 19	700
Alaska. Regarding Arkansas-Mississippi River Bridge Commission.	H. R.	3915	June 19, 1947.	PW	PW	Apr. 15	June 2	1751	1442	5992	7693	May 18	June 10	June 19	701
To authorize assistance in acquiring specially adapted housing for paraplegic veterans.	H. R.	4244	July 16, 1947.	VA*	BC*	July 24, 1947.	June 9	1067	1564	4126	7932	Apr. 6	June 12	June 19	702
To convey certain lands to Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad.	H. R.	4455	July 26, 1947.	PL	IIA	Mar. 3	June 11	1493	1598	2854	7944	Mar. 15	June 12	June 19	703
To enlarge the Gettysburg National Ceme-	H.R.	4688	Dec. 10, 1947.	PL	IIA	May 6	June 4	1875	1494	5996	7702	May 18	June 10	June 19	704
tery. Transferring Pelican Rock in Crescent City Harbor to Del Norte County, Calif.	H. R.	4874	Jan. 7	PL	IIA	May 5	June 4	1859	1495	5995	7702	May 18	June 10	June 19	705
To amend Internal Revenue Code so as to exempt hospitalized servicemen and veterans from admissions tax when admitted free.	H. R. (S. 2		Jan. 21	WM*	Fin	Mar. 9	May 28	1540	1423 1424	3254	3254	Mar. 22	June 1	June 19	706
Amending the Civil Service Retirement Act relative to Members of Congress who leave their office to serve in the United States	H. R.	5112	Jan. 22	POCS	POCS	Feb. 23	June 2	1411	1443	2850	7693	Mar. 15	June 10	June 19	707
armed services. Authorizing CCC to make adjustment payments to certain producers of cane sugar in Puerto Rico and Hawaii.	H. R.	5174	Jan. 29	ВС	ВС	Apr. 12	June 7	1715	1515	4642	7708	Apr. 20	June 10	June 19	708
Preventing retroactive checkage of retired pay in the cases of certain enlisted men and officers.	H. R.	5344	Feb. 12	AS*	AS	Mar. 23	June 2	1599	1452	4125	7694	Apr. 6	June 10	June 19	-
Permitting certain relatives of deceased veterans to receive benefits of armed forces leave bonds.	H. R.	5758	Mar. 8	AS*	AS	May 11	June 2	1915	1454	6006	7695	May 18	June 10	June 19	710
To continue day-care nursery school in the District of Columbia for 1 year.	H. R.	5808	Mar. 10	DC*	DC	Apr. 23	June 4	1793	1506	4883	7706	Apr. 26	June 10	June 19	711
Agriculture appropriations for 1949 Extending the privileges of title VI of the Public Health Service Act to the Virgin	H. R. H. R.	5883 5889	Mar. 16 Mar. 17	App* IFC	App* IIA	Mar. 16 May 11		1571 1935	1283 1604	3112 7379	6394 7945	Mar. 18 June 8	May 25 June 12		
Islands. Relative to charter of the Choctaw, Okla-	H.R.	5891	Mar. 17	Jud	Jud	May 10	June 4	1899	1487	6004	7704	May 18	June 10	June 19	714
homa & Gulf Railroad Co. Providing for establishment of the Fort Vancouver National Monument, Wash., to include a site of the old Hudson's Bay Co. stockade.	H. R.	5957	Mar. 23	PL	IIA	May 5	June 11	1863	1605	5995	7945	May 18	June 12	June 19	715
To remove present restriction on appoint- ments to the Navy Medical Service Corps.	H. R. (S. 2		Mar. 24	AS	AS	May 18	June 3	1971	1465	7381	7699	June 8	June 10	June 19	716
Providing for acquisition of certain grazing lands.	H. R.		Mar. 31	PL	ПА	May 5	June 4	1864	1497	5996	7702	May 18	June 10	June 19	717
To authorize Canadian vessels to land halibut in Alaskan ports.	H. R.	6110	Apr. 2	MMF	IFC	May 12	June 3	1943	1462	6010	7700	May 18	June 10	June 19	718
Transfer of certain land in Langlade County, Wis., to the U. S. Forest Service.	H. R.	6113	Apr. 2	Agr	Agr	Apr. 29	June 7	1834	1519	5993	7706	May 18	June 10	June 19	719

To amend title I of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, to increase the rate of interest on title I loans, provide for redemption of nondelinquent insured mortgages, and	H. R.	6114	Apr. 2	Agr*	Agr	Apr. 30	June 7	1837	1520	5993	7706	May 18	June 10	June 19	720	1948
authorize advances for preservation and protection of the insured loan security.			in sure series		10072	to the second	U			1		TANKS OF THE	SIGNATURE SHIP	Tree va	1	
Authorizing extension of leases of certain land in Hawaii.	H. R.	6229	Apr. 14	PL	IIA	May 5	June 4	1865	1498	5996	7702	May 18	June 10	June 19	721	1
Establishment of internships in VA's Medi-		6234	Apr. 14	VA*	LPW*	June 1	June 9	2131	1575	7402	7933	June 8	June 12	June 19	722	
cine and Surgery Department. Amending Public Health Service Act relating	(S 2 H. R.	6339	Apr. 26	IFC	LPW	May 11	June 9	1939	1581	6009	7933	May 18	June 12	June 19	723	
to standards of maintenance and operation for hospitals receiving aid under that title.	S DE LOS					G10, 11 / 11									1	
District of Columbia appropriations for 1949.	H. R.		May 4	App* WM	App*	May 4	June 2	1851	1445	5321	7020	May 5	June 3	June 19	724	
To authorize temporary free importation of lead.	H. R.	6489	May 10	WM	Fin	May 12	June 7	1944	1524	5990	7709	May 18	June 10	June 19	725	0
To authorize transfer of a portion of VA cen- ter at Los Angeles to University of Cali- fornia.	H. R. (S. 2	6716 2773)	May 26	VA*	Fin	June 1	June 7	2133	1535	7403	7923	June 8	June 12	June 19	726	CONGRE
Treasury and Post Office supplemental appro- priations for 1949.	H.R.	6758	June 1	App*	App*	June 1	June 12	2089	1608	6837	7949	June 1	June 12	June 19	727	GF
To amend District of Columbia Parking Act	S.	2642	May 10	DC	DC	June 12	May 25	2323	1395	8180	6770	June 14	June 1	June 19	728	
relative to off-street parking. Aiding in the development of improved pros-	H. R.	5820	Mar. 11	VA*	LPW*	Apr. 6	June 9	1657	1579	5195	7933	May 3	June 12	June 19	729	SS
thetic appliances for veterans. Relative to jurisdiction of U. S. District	H. R.	4663	Dec. 8, 1947	Jud	Jud	May 19	June 8	1993	1549	6823	7926	June 1	June 12	June 19	730	0
Court, Middle District of Georgia, with respect to claims of land at Camp Wheeler, Ga.	11. 10.	1003	Dec. 6, 1947.	Jua	juu	May 19	June 0	1923	1545	0025	1920	Discussion 1	June 12.	June 19	130	IONAL
Providing for the issuance of a special postage stamp on dedication of Palomar Mountain	H. R. (S. 2	6368 (616)	Apr. 28	POCS	POCS	May 28	June 1	2079	1438	7391	7693	June 8	June 10	June 21	731	LRE
Observatory. To convey certain lands to School District 55	S.	1933	Apr. 27	PL ·	IIA	May 26	Apr. 20	2043	1138	7386	4810	June 8	Apr. 26	June 21	732	C
in Roosevelt County, Mont. To safeguard and consolidate certain areas in	S.	1090	Mar. 9	Agr	Agr	June 3	Mar. 5	2186	968	7421	2296	June 8	Mar. 8	June 21	- 733	COR
Superior National Forest, Minn.	1,33	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH	Section 1997					ABSS I	-	1999-00			THE RESERVE TO SECURE	2 20	1 C 1 C 1 C 1 C 1 C 1 C 1 C 1 C 1 C 1 C	D
Establishing the Saratoga National Histori- cal Park.	H. R.	5822	Mar. 11	PL	IIA	Apr. 7	June 8	1694	1550	4640	7926	Apr. 20	June 12	June 22	734	T
To provide for the suspension of annual as- sessment work on mining claims in Alaska	H. R.	6239	Apr. 14	PL	ПА	May 25	June 11	2032	1606	7385	7945	June 8	June 12	June 22	735	D
held by location in the United States.		50.00		-			2 300	270523	2000	570600						AIL
Authorizing transfer of certain Federal lands within the Chopawamsic Park and to	H. R.	6246	Apr. 14	PL	IIA	May 10	June 11	1896	1601	5999	7944	May 18	June 12	June 22	736	E
change the name of said park to Prince William Forest Park.					16.79			28 119								17
Providing for voluntary admission and treat-	H.R.	6289	Apr. 21	EdL*	LPW	May 10	June 9	1891	1580	6009	7933	May 18	June 12	June 22	737	DIG
ment of mental patients at St. Elizabeths Hospital.	in the		With the same		H.V.		1817		and the	3400		5-01/1/0-		[Lane	315	E
To authorize the Coast Guard to maintain	S.	2122	Feb. 3	MMF	IFC*	May 7	Mar. 31	1879	1044	7379	4888	June 8	Apr. 12	June 22	738	S
and operate ocean stations. Preserving seniority rights of 10-point-pref-	H. R.	4964	Jan. 14	POCS	POCS	May 3	June 9	1846	1583	5994	7940	May 18	June 12	June 22	739	7
erence eligibles changing positions within postal service.												3 - 1 34				
Relating to compensation of certain railway	H.R.	5272	Feb. 4	POCS	POCS	Apr. 19	June 9	1752	1562	5199	7932	May 3	June 12	June 22	740	
postal clerks. To give Civil Service Commission final decision as to eligibility under Veterans' Pref-	S.	1493	June 23, 1947.	POCS	POCS	Apr. 26	July 21, 1947.	1817	636	7381	853	June 8	Feb. 2	June 22	741	
erence Act. Extending public-land laws to islands in Red River, Okla.	H. R.	5071	Jan. 21	PL	IIA	May 5	June 4	1860	1496	5995	7702	May 18	June 10	June 22	742	
Requiring use of Government-owned motor vehicles in delivery of mail under certain conditions.	H. R.	2588	Mar. 17, 1947.	POCS	POCS	June 18, 1947.	June 4	598	1469	6361	7700	May 24	June 10	June 23	743	П
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o amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937, to increase certain annuities, and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act	H. R. 6766 (S. 2782)	June 1	IFC*	LPW	June 2	June 9	2154	1574	7436	7933	June 8	June 12	June 23	744
with respect to taxes levied thereunder, mending District of Columbia Code, rela- tive to admissibility of testimony.	S. 1266	May 12, 1947.	DC	DC	June 3	May 29, 1947.	2188	212	7455	7010	June 8	June 16, 1947.	June 24	745
increase salary of Coordinator of Federal	S. 2508	Apr. 15	PL	IIA	June 4	May 12	2208	1279	8484	6294	June 16	May 24	June 24	746
Agencies in Puerto Rico. rmitting mining locations under United States mining laws within the game sanc-	H. R. 2867	Mar. 31, 1947.	PL	ПА	July 14, 1947.	June 11	912	1597	9596	7944	July 21, 1947.	June 12	June 24	747
mary of the Harney National Forest. amend Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), pts. I and II, to establish a presumption of service connection for chronic and tropical	H. R. 3889	June 18, 1947.	VA	Fin*	July 8, 1947	June 7	808	1536	9609	7924	July 21, 1947.	June 12	June 24	748
liseases. amend the Food and Drug Act, to author- ze seizure of adulterated or misbranded	H. R. 4071	July 2, 1947	IFC	IFC*	July 8, 1947	Apr. 30	807	1221	134	8239	Jan. 13	June 15	June 24	749
permit free entry of crude or broken lime-	H. R. 5275	Feb. 4	WM	Fin	Feb. 23	Apr. 15	1415	1129	1610	8238	Feb. 24	June 15	June 24	750
fone to be used in manufacture of fertilizer.	H. R. 6188	Apr. 12	PW*	PW	Apr. 15	June 10	1747	1585	5199	7941	May 3	June 12	June 24	751
Veterans' Village upon the State of Iowa. ative to admission of Filipinos to the	H. R. 6698	May 25	AS*	AS	June 8	June 17	2258	1766	8489	8755	June 16	June 18	June 24	752
J. S. Naval Academy. yy appropriations for 1949 ratify contract for purchase of certain nineral land from the Choctaw and Chick-	H. R. 6772 S. J. Res. 203 (H. J. Res. 363)	June 2 Apr. 2	App* PL	App*	June 2 May 5	June 14 May 10	2135 1868	1621 1266	7073 8214	8301 6290	June 3 June 14	June 15 May 24	June 24 June 24	753 754
saw Indians. oviding for a National Institute of Dental	H. R. 6726	May 27	IFC*	LPW	June 2	July 7, 1947	2158	436	7415	7934	June 8	June 12	June 24	755
Research. provide for the issuance of free passes on	S. (S. 176) 2192	Feb. 20	IFC	IFC	June 17	June 8	2394	1538	8954	7924	June 18	June 12	June 24	756
ailroads to official watch inspectors. increase certain benefits payable under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers'	S. 2237 (H. R. 6647)	Feb. 27	EdL	LPW*	June 1	May 17	2095	1315	7397	6302	June 8	May 24	June 24	757
Compensation Act. clarify the position of Air Force Secretary and to authorize Secretaries of Army, Navy, Air Force, and Secretary of Defense to establish certain positions in profes-	S. 2505	Apr. 15	POCS	AS	June 11	May 26	2306	1408	8494	6778	June 16	June 1	June 24	758
sional and scientific service. ective Service Act of 1948	S. 2655	May 12	AS	AS*	May 7	May 12	1881	1268	8828	7681	June 18	June 10	June 24	759
authorize lease of certain space in La- ayette Building in the District of Columbia	(H. R. 6401) S. 2706	May 19		PW		June 12		1614	8947	8721	June 18	June 18	June 24	760
y FWA. ative to consolidation of the Lighthouse	H. R. 239	Jan. 3, 1947	MMF	IFC	Apr. 23, 1947.	June 11	294	1594	5055	7942	May 12, 1947.	June 12	June 24	761
ervice with the Coast Guard. viding pensions for certain widows of	H. R. 4962	Jan. 14	VA	Fin	June 11	June 17	2316	1747	8495	8754	June 16	June 18	June 24	762
panish-American War veterans. authorize Marine Band attendance at 1948 autional assembly of the Marine Corps eague.	H. R. 5036 (S. 2064)	Jan. 20	AS*	AS	June 2	June 8	2150	1541	7414	7926	June 8	June 12	June 24	763

Addition of certain surplus Federal lands to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga Mili-	H. R. 593	6 Mar. 22	PL	ПА	May 5	June 11	1862	1600	5995	7944	May 18	June 12	June 24	764	1948
tary Park, Ga., and Tenn. To amend the Standard Time Act relative to placing a certain portion of the State of Idaho in the third time zone.	H. R. 631 (S. 2547)	8 Apr. 22	IFC*	IFC	May 12	May 13	1948	1287	6010	8239	May 18	June 15	June 24	765	
National military appropriations for 1949 To extend for 1 year the terms of two additional Assistant Secretaries of State.	H. R. 677 H. R. 682 (S. 2869)		App*	App* FR	June 2 June 8	June 17 June 15	2135 2257	1763 1683	6957 8489	8618 8727	June 2 June 16	June 17 June 18	June 24 June 24	766 767	
To provide annuities for certain surviving spouses of annuitants retired prior to Apr. 1, 1948.	H. R. 664 (S. 2740)	1 May 20	POCS	POCS	June 11	June 15	2309	1685	8494	8728	June 16	June 18	June 25	768	
To authorize free entry of certain railroad equipment under certain conditions from France.	H. J. Res. 43	3 June 18	WM				•••••		9222	9098	June 19	June 19	June 25	769	0
Confirming certain oil contracts negotiated by Treasury.	H. R. 465 (S. 1857)	9 Dec. 8, 1947	Jud	BC	May 28	June 9	2077	1560	7390	7930	June 8	June 12	June 25	770	100
To codify Title 3 of the United States Code, entitled "The President."	H. R. 641	2 Apr. 30	Jud	Jud	May 10	June 14	1898	1623	6000	8722	May 18	June 18	June 25	771	CONGRESSIONA
To codify Title 18 of the United States Code entitled "Crimes and Criminal Procedure."	H. R. 319	0 Apr. 24, 1947.	Jud	Jud	Apr. 24, 1947.	June 14	304	1620	5048	8722	May 12, 1947.	June 18	June 25	772	RE
To codify Title 28 of the United States Code, entitled "Judicial Code and Judiciary."	H. R. 321	4 Apr. 25, 1947.	Jud	Jud	Apr. 25, 1947.	June 9	308	1559	8392	7930	July 7, 1947	June 12	June 25	773	SS
To authorize admission of displaced persons.	S. 224 (H. R. 6396		Jud*	Jud	May 4	Mar. 2	1854	950	7888	6916	June 11	June 2	June 25	774	OI
To provide for military justice within the Air Force.		1 Mar. 29	AS	AS	June 8	June 8	2263	1542	8492	7925	June 16	June 12	June 25	775	NA
To amend the Organic Act of Puetto Rico Fixing the rank of the assistant to the Chief of Engineers in charge of river and harbor	S. 267	5 May 17 0 May 28	PL AS	IIA AS	June 4 June 8	May 27 June 2	2210 2256	1418 1451	8484 8498	6782 7696	June 16 June 16	June 1 June 10	June 25 June 25	776 777	L
and flood-control improvements. Increasing the sum to \$30,000 for statue of Commodore John Barry for presentation to	H. J. Res. 29		FA	FR	May 18	June 17	1972	1760	7381	8754	June 8	June 18	June 25	778	RECORD
Eire. Relative to pay of jurors in the United States	H. R. 94	5 Jan. 14, 1947.	Jud	Jud*	June 2	June 7	2162	1510	7418	7945	June 8	June 12	June 25	779	RI
courts. Relative to probation system in United States courts.	(S. 19) H. R. 276	6 Mar. 25, 1947.	Jud	Jud	May 11		1923	1544	6007	7926	May 18		June 25	780	Ţ
Authorizing certain expenditures from appro- priations of the Public Health Service.	H. R. 411	4 July 8, 1947	IFC	LPW	May 11	June 9	1927	1578	6008	7933	May 18	June 12	June 25	781	DA
Army-civil functions appropriations for 1949. To amend the Nationality Act of 1940 relative to petition for citizenship.	H. R. 552 H. R. 588		App* Jud	App* Jud	Feb. 24 Apr. 6		1420 1661	1167 1641	1772 6012	6096 8723	Feb. 26 May 18	May 19 June 18	June 25 June 25	782 783	AILY
Providing that certain fees collected by the Archivist shall be available for disburse- ment in the interest of the National Ar-	H. R. 629	3 Apr. 21	POCS	POCS	May 11	June 15	1938	1687	7380	8727	June 8	June 18	June 25	784	DIG
chives. Second deficiency appropriations for 1948 Authorizing the Coast Guard to maintain aids to navigation.	H. R. 693 S. 185		App* MMF	App* IFC*	June 15 May 7	June 19 Mar. 31	2348 1878	1769 1043	8461 5996	9054 4288	June 16 May 18	June 19 Apr. 12	June 25 June 26	785 786	EST
Relating to yachts belonging to yacht clubs Acceptance of statue of Gen. Jose Gervasio Artigas from Uruguay.	S. 218 S. 259		MMF HA	IFC PW	June 17 June 18		2397 2402	1415 1439	8957 8837	6781 7693	June 18 June 18	June 1 June 10	June 26 June 26	787 788	
Authorizing the printing and binding of Cannon's House Procedure.	H. J. Res. 19	0 May 6, 1947	НА	RAdm	May 14, 1947.	June 19	382	1770	5279	9056	May 14, 1947.	June 19	June 26	789	
To authorize an emergency fund for the Bureau of Reclamation to assure the con- tinuous operation of its irrigation and	H. R. \ 321	8 Apr. 25, 1947.	PL	IIA	July 10, 1947.	June 4	860	1493	317	7701	Jan. 19	June 10	June 26	790	
power systems. Authorizing permanent appointment in each the Regular Army and Regular Air Force of one officer in the grade of general.	H. R. 603	9 Mar. 30	AS	AS	Apr. 14	June 17	1734	1764	4644	8755	Apr. 20	June 18	June 26	791	D5
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ctending for 1 year the provisions of the	H. R. 6556	May 13	WM*	Fin*	May 24	June 8	2009	1558	6500	8074	May 26	June 14	June 26	792
Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act. reign-aid appropriations for 1949 oviding for United States participation in	H. R. 6801 S. J. Res. 177	June 3 Jan. 26	App*	App* FR	June 3 June 16	June 14 Mar. 30	2173 2380	1626 1036	7168 9181	8322 4287	June 4 June 19	June 15 Apr. 12	June 28 June 28	793 794
the Pan American Railway Congress. provide for the establishment of the	H. R. 5053	Jan. 20	PL	IIA	Apr. 26	June 14	1819	1622	8176	8722	June 14	June 18	June 28	795
ndependence National Historical Park. viding for the disposal of temporary	(S. 2080) H. R. 5710	Mar. 4	PW*	ВС	May 19	June 4	1983	1505	7110	8718	June 3	June 18	June 28	79
ousing. authorize VA to convey strip of land to	(S: 2736) S. 2849	June 10		Fin		June 16		1734	9173	8748	June 19	June 18	June 28	79
Vashington County, Ark. thorizing the State Department to perform certain consular-type functions within the	H. R. 4330	July 22, 1947	FA	FR	July 23, 1947.	June 17	1045	1759	8488	8755	June 16	June 18	June 28	79
nited States.	H. R. 4367	July 24, 1947.	FA	FR	June 9	June 17	2292	1761	8493	8755	June 16	June 18	June 28	79
rande near Hidalgo, Tex. ending regulations relating to barbers in istrict of Columbia.	H. R. 4635	Dec. 4, 1947	DC	DC,	June 3	June 15	2190	1676	7452	8725	June 8	June 18	June 28	80
nitting Canadian vessels to transport cer- in merchandise between Hyder, Alaska,	H. R. 4690	Dec. 10, 1947.	MMF	IFC	June 1	June 15	2092	1629	7397	8723	June 8	June 18	June 28	80
nd the United States. viding further benefits for World War II eterans who are Federal employees and ost opportunity for probational civil- ervice appointments due to military serv-	H. R. 4917	Jan. 12	POCS	POCS	Apr. 28	June 15	1832	1680	7381	8727	June 8	June 18	June 28	80
e or service-connected disabilities. authorize the VA to convey land in	H. R. 6448	May 5	VA	Fin	May 19	May 28	1984	1435	7382	8242	June 8	June 15	June 28	80
ennessee to the city of Johnson City.	(S. 2580) H. R. 6707	May 26	AS*	AS	June 2	June 17	2145	1765	7411	8755	June 8	June 18	June 28	80
ith regard to retirement. uthorize use of REA loans to municipali-	S. 1087	Apr. 10, 1947.	Agr	Agr	June 8	June 26, 1947.	2266	362	8492	8223	June 16	July 3, 1947	June 29	80
es for payment of debts to TVA. grant Federal charter to the Commodity	S. 1322	May 20, 1947.	BC	Agr*	Apr. 22	Mar. 24	1790	1022	8866	4762	June 18	Apr. 22	June 29	80
redit Corporation. ance of stamp commemorative of two undredth anniversary of founding of	(H. R. 6263) S. 2739	May 25	POCS	POCS	June 17	June 9	2393	1582	8838	7940	June 18	June 12	June 29	80
lexandria, Va. amend the Canal Zone Code for the pur- ose of incorporating the Panama Railroad	S. 2747	May 26	MMF	AS	June 17	May 26		1401	9179	6774	June 19	June 1	June 29	80
ompany. horizing stamps commemorative of ghty-fifth anniversary of Lincoln's Get-	S. J. Res. 158	Nov. 20, 1947.	POCS	POCS	June 11	Mar. 11	2310	977	8494	2806	June 16	Mar. 15	June 29	80
sburg Address. rement of Regular Army officers and ualization of retirement benefits for mem-	H. R. 2744	Mar. 24, 1947.	AS*	AS	July 9, 1947	June 8	816	1543	2481	7713	Mar. 10	June 10	June 29	81
rs of the AUS. ance of special stamps honoring origi- tor of Flanders Field memorial poppy	H. R. 6634	May 20	POCS	POCS	May 28	June 16	2071	1735	7390	8748	June 8	June 18	June 29	81
lea. ance of special stamps commemorative of frieth anniversary of Rough Riders of panish-American War.	H. J. Res. 305	Jan. 21	POCS	POCS	May 27	June 15	2056	1686	7388	9168	June 8	June 19	June 29	81

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To transfer administration of the Federal Credit Union Act to FSA.	S. 2225	Feb. 25	BC	BC*	Apr. 22	Mar. 29	1791	1033	8340	4285	June 15	Apr. 12	June 29	813	19
To change the name of Potholes Dam in the Columbia Basin project to O'Sullivan Dam.	S. J. Res. 202	2 Apr. 1	PL	IIA	June 14	May 27	2335	1420	8498	6781	June 16	June 1	June 29	814	148
To provide for the training of air-traffic con- trol-tower operators.	S. :	Jan. 6, 1947	IFC	IFC*	June 4	Apr. 30	2207	1209	8483	5473	June 16	May 10	June 29	815	
Relating to the Board of Visitors of the Naval Academy and postgraduate school.	S. 239 (H. R. 3657)		AS	AS	June 2	June 3	2146	1464	8479	7700	June 16	June 10	June 29	816	2
To authorize permanent arming of American vessels in time of national emergency.	S. 110		- FA	AS*	June 10	Feb. 18	2302	892	9179	2803	June 19	Mar. 15	June 29	817	
Requiring humane treatment of imported wild animals and birds.	S. 1447	June 16, 1947.	IFC	IFC*	June 12	June 2	2333	1447	8497	7693	June 16	June 10	June 29	818	
To provide for an air parcel-post service			POCS*	POCS	June 2	Apr. 28	2163	1169	8926	6759	June 18	June 1	June 29	819	
To provide a revolving fund to purchase agri- cultural commodities for processing in oc-	(H. R. 6773) S. 2376		AS	Agr*	June 9	Apr. 6	2268	1099	8932	4743	June 18	Apr. 22	June 29	820	_
cupied areas. Authorizing the extension of the functions and duties of Federal Prison Industries,	S. 2621	May 10	Jud	AS	June 17	June 2	2387	1450	8957	7694	June 18	June 10	June 29	821	NO
Inc., to military disciplinary barracks. To convey parcel of land to the University of Minnesota.	S. 2670	May 17	MMF	ПА	June 18	June 11	2414	1596	9181	7942	June 19	June 12	June 29	822	GRES
To authorize transfer of horses and equip- ment owned by United States Army to	S. 2698	May 18		AS		June 14		1624	9226	8722	June 19	June 18	June 29	823	ESS
New Mexico Military Institute. Authorizing the RFC to continue to operate	S. 2830	June 8	BC	AS*		June 8		1540	8946	7945	June 18	June 12	June 29	824	SIONAL
a tin-smelting plant in Texas City, Tex. To provide disaster loans especially for housing in flooded areas of Washington and	S. 2877	June 16	BC	BC		June 16		1743	8945	8454	June 18	June 16	June 29	825	NA
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Directing investigation of parking-lot situa- tion in the District of Columbia.	H. J. Res. 421	June 9	DC	DC	June 12	June 15	2326	1678	8180	8725	June 14	June 18	June 29	826	RE
Correcting act establishing the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park.	H. J. Res. 427	June 14	PL	ПА		June 16		1706	8398	8744	June 15	June 18	June 29	827	
Providing time extension for credit claim or refund with respect to war losses.	H. J. Res. 428	3. June 15	WM	Fin	June 16	June 17	2371	1745	8651	8754	June 17	June 18	June 29	828	CORD
Authorizing sale or lease to State Govern-	H. R. 2239	Feb. 26, 1947.	Expend	Expend.	June 27, 1947.	Jan. 23	734	845	9573	4743	July 21, 1947.	Apr. 22	June 29	829	7
ments of surplus property for use in training civilian components of the Army.				Assessed to		THE RESERVE									-D
To provide a minimum allotment of \$100,000 to each State for construction of hospitals.	H. R. 4816		IFC	LPW	May 11	June 15	1929	1704	7379	8734	June 8	June 18	June 29	830	AI
To authorize the VA to convey certain land to Cheyenne, Wyo.	H. R. 5734	Mar. 5	VA*	Fin	June 1		2130		7402	8718	June 8	June 18	June 29	831	AILY
To provide for extension and improvement of post-office facilities at Los Angeles.	H. R. 5750	Mar. 8	PW	PW	May 11	June 12	1932	1615	7396	8721	June 8	June 18	June 29	832	D
To convey certain lands to the State of Oklahoma.	H. R. 5861 (S. 2816)	Mar. 15	Agr	Agr	June 8	June 15	2265	1628	8492	8723	June 16	June 18	June 29	833	IG
To provide Federal aid for highways	H. R. 5888 H. R. 6028		PW PL	PW*	Mar. 22	June 3	1594	1458	4333	7698	Apr. 12	June 10	June 29	834	EST
for school districts on certain projects dur- ing their construction status.	(S. 2638)	151at. 27	I.L	IIA	May 25	June 4	2029	1492	7390	7932	June 8	June 12	June 29	835	T
Amending an act (Public Law 134) to cor- rect an inequity affecting incumbent post- masters in certain post offices.	H. R. 6089	Apr. 1	POCS	POCS	May 28	June 15	2086	1679	7395	8727	June 8	June 18	June 29	836	
Providing reimbursement to District of Co- lumbia by private enterprise requiring	H. R. 6452	May 5	DC	DC	June 4	June 15	2216	1673	7454	8724	June 8	June 18	June 29	837	
special police and fire assignments. To amend the National Server Life Insurance Act to authorize renewal of level-premium	H. R. 6507	May 11	VA*	Fin	June 1	June 16	2132	1710	7424	8741	June 8	June 18	June 29	838	
term insurance for a second 5-year period.	No.	135 ES HU-D		STUDIES !	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR				Tital	lain!					
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ctending the period for providing assistance to certain school agencies still overbur- dened with war-incurred school enroll-	H. R. 6527 (S. 2795)	May 12	Ed&L*	LPW	June 11	June 15	2308	1702	8329	8731	June 15	June 18	June 29	839
nents. amend the Federal Airport Act to permit Administrator to indemnify local airports or damage done by Federal agencies.	H. R. 6860 (S. 2841)	June 9	IFC	IFC	June 11		2307		8496	8754	June 16	June 18	June 29	840
erior Department appropriations for 1949 proclaim Feb. 1 as National Freedom Day widing for United States acceptance of the mendment to the constitution of the In-	H. R. 6705 S. J. Res. 37 S. J. Res. 117	May 26 Jan. 20, 1947. May 21, 1947.	App* Jud FA	App* Jud FR*	May 26 June 17 July 24, 1947.	June 12 July 25, 1947. May 28, 1947.	2038 2395 1057	1609 761 208	6598 8865 8171	8113 8237 6154	May 27 June 18 June 14	June 14 June 15 June 2, 1947	June 29 June 30 June 30	841 841 841
ernational Labor Organization. authorize compact over boundaries be- ween Michigan, Wisconsin, and Min-	S. J. Res. 206	Apr. 7	Jud	Jud	June 17	Apr. 13	2388	1127	8853	4807	June 18	Apr. 26	June 30	84
nesota. provide for the control of stream pollution. inferring jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reser-	S. 418 S. 1820	Jan. 29, 1947. Dec. 1, 1947.	PW PL	PW*	Apr. 28 June 15	July 8, 1947 June 4	1829 2356	462 1490	8192 9177	9034 7702	June 14 June 19	July 16, 1947. June 10	June 30 June 30	
ation. lidating certain conveyances of Oregon hort Line Railroad Co. and Union Pacific	S. 2371	Mar. 23	PL	ПА	June 16	June 4	2377	1500	9178	7706	June 19	June 10	June 30	84
tailroad Co. thorizing certain administrative expenses n Post Office Department, including pneu-	S. 2510 (H. R. 6618)	Apr. 19	POCS	POCS	June 1	May 5	2093	1241	7397	6761	June 8	June 1	June 30	84
natic-tube systems. terminate retirement system of Office of comptroller of Currency and transfer same o Civil-Service Retirement and Disability und.	S. 2692	May 18	POCS	POCS	June 17	June 9	2392	1570	8838	7939	June 18	June 12	June 30	13
credit, in certain cases, military service and training preparatory thereto performed	S. 2730 (H. R. 6734)	May 24	POCS	POCS	June 16	June 10	2374	1589	9292	7941	June 19	June 12	June 30	85
by employees of the postal service. quisition of lands, Mammoth Cave Na- ional Park, Ky.	H. R. 2096	Feb. 20, 1947.	PL	IIA	July 10, 1947.	June 16	863	1705	9570	8744	July 21, 1947.	June 18	June 30	85
revise the roll of Indians of California delay liquidation of mineral rights re- erved to United States as required by	H. R. 2878 H. R. 4856	Mar. 31, 1947. Jan. 6	PL* Agr	IIA Agr	June 9, 1947 Jan. 14	May 10 June 7	549 1240	1265 1517	7091 986	6290 7706	June 16, 1947. Feb. 3	May 24 June 10	June 30 June 30	85 85
Parmers Home Administration Act of 1946. promote the interests of the Fort Hall ndian irrigation project in Idaho.	H. R. 5416 (S. 2171)	Feb. 16	PL	IIA	May 27	June 4	2068	1502	7389	7705	June 8	June 10	June 30	85
incorporate the Virgin Islands Company s a U. S. agency.	H. R. 5904 (S. 1183)	Mar. 18	PL	IIA	Apr. 8	May 26	1699	1410	8940	9010	June 18	June 19	June 30	85
horizing the Secretary of the Interior to sue patents for lands held under color of tie.	H. R. 6090	Apr. 1	PL	IIA	May 25	June 14	2030	1618	7384	8721	June 8	June 18	June 30	913
easing import duties on beer	H. R. 6162 H. R. 6419	Apr. 7 May 3	WM PW*	Fin PW*	June 1 May 6	June 16 June 9	2097 1870	1709 1568	8027 7088	8745 7938	June 12 June 3	June 18 June 12		85
ration of certain public works on rivers and harbors for navigation and flood con- rol.		WEE 114	New y		THE PERSON		2 14		1923	-272			THE COLUMN	1

To provide for construction and financing of toll bridges over Delaware River.	H. R. (S.	6465	May 6	PW*	PW	June 17	June 16	2386	1726	8866	9014	June 18	June 19	June	30	859
Government corporations appropriations Amending the act providing for insanity pro-	H. R. H. R.	6481 6598	May 7 May 18	App* DC	App*	May 7 June 3	June 12 June 15	1880 2193	1616 1675	5624 7453	8290 8724	May 11 June 8	June 15 June 18	June June		860 861
independent offices supplemental appropria-	H. R.	6829	June 8	App*	App*	June 8	June 17	2245	1758	7611	8778	June 9	June 18	June	30	862
To amend the Immigration Act relative to de- portation of deportable aliens.	H. R.	3566	May 21, 1947.	Jud	Jud	June 25, 1947.	Apr. 30	647	1204	8341	5470	July 7, 1947	May 10	July	1	863
To provide a secondary market for veterans' home loans, and to promote veterans' housing.	S.	2790	June 3		LPW*		June 15		1701	9321	8733	June 19	June 18	July	1	864
To provide medical care and treatment for certain Philippine veterans.	S.	2861	June 14		LPW		June 15		1703	8951	8729	June 18	June 18	July	1	865
To continue until Mar. 1, 1949, authority of the Maritime Commission to provide for certain ocean transportation services with Alaska.	S. J. Re	es. 219	May 19	MMF	IFC	June 19	June 17	2447	1755	9313	9094	June 19	June 19	July	1	866
To authorize an additional \$100,000, in annual appropriations for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory.	S.	2341	Mar. 18	FA	LPW*	June 16	June 9	2378	1573	8838	7933	June 18	June 12	July	1	867
Increasing compensation to certain survivors of deceased veterans whose deaths were wartime-service-connected.	S. (H. R.	2825 3748)	June 8	VA	Fin*	July 24, 1947.	June 9	1068	1584	8160	7940	June 14	June 12	July	1	868
Relating to marital deduction, for estate-tax purposes, in case of insurance or annuity.	H.J.R	es. 429	June 15	WM	Fin	June 16	June 17	2370	1746	8651	8754	June 17	June 18	July	1	869
Sale of interests in estates of deceased Crow Tribe Indians.	H.R.	2352	Mar. 4, 1947	PL	IIA	Apr. 7	June 12	1671	1612	4632	8720	Apr. 20	June 18	July	1	870
To furnish headstones or markers for graves of honorably discharged members of the armed forces, including Union and Con- federate.	H. R.	4272	July 18, 1947.	PL	AS	Feb. 5	June 2	1349	1453	1938	7695	Mar. 1	June 10	July	1	871
To amend the CAA of 1938 by redefining cer- tain powers of the Administrator.	H. R. (S. 24		July 26, 1947.	IFC	IFC*	June 11	June 3	2315	1460	8495	8566	June 16	June 17	July	1	872
Providing per capita payments to Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians from proceeds of lumber sale.	H. R.		Feb. 12	PL		June 16		2375		8957	9034	June 18	June 19	July	1	873
Relative to statute of limitations on claims filed pursuant to Trading With the Enemy Act in cases involving property vested in World War II.	H. R.	6116	Apr. 2	IFC	Jud	Apr. 30	June 7	1843	1532	5994	8718	May 18	June 18	July	1	874
Relative to toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Tex.	H. R.	5252	Feb. 2	FA	FR	June 9	June 17	2293	1762	8493	8755	June 16	June 18	July	2	875
Providing rates of compensation for disabili- ties incurred in active military or naval service.	S.	595	Feb. 14, 1947.	VA	Fin*		June 7		1521	9284	7709	June 19	June 10	July	2	876
To increase compensation for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities who have dependents.	S. (H. R.	2821 5588)	June 7	VA	Fin*	Apr. 12	June 8	1717	1552	8166	7927	June 14	June 12	July	2	877
To provide for establishment of the Pensa- cola National Monument, Fla.	H.R.	3416	May 12, 1947.	PL	AS	July 10, 1947.	June 19	859	1771	9569	9091	July 21, 1947:	June 19	July	2	878
To provide annuities for Federal investiga- tory personnel with 20 years of service.	H.R.	6454	May 5	POCS*	POCS	May 25	June 15	2034	1668	7385	8725	June 8	June 18	July	2	879
To provide for settlement of claims for damages resulting from Federal operation of 103 motor carriers.	S.	1260	May 9, 1947	Jud	Jud	June 3	May 26	2182	1414	8947	6780	June 18	June 1	July	2	880
Conferring jurisdiction on the courts of New York with respect to offenses committed on Indian reservations within State.	S.	1683	June 21, 1947.	PL	IIA	June 15	June 4	2355	1489	9177	7702	June 19	June 10	July	2	881
To amend the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946 relating to the training of Filipinos in public health.	S.	1969	Jan. 12	FA	LPW	June 16	June 9	2381	1572	8954	7933	June 18	June 12	July	2	882

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provide for retention and maintenance of national reserve of industrial productive apacity.	S. 2554 (H. R. 6098)	Apr. 26	AS	AS	May 20	May 26	1998	1409	8935	6778	June 18	June 1	July	2	88
convery Santa Rosa Island, Fla., to kaloosa County.	S. 2743 H. R. 3735	May 25 June 5, 1947	PL AS*	IIA AS	June 14 July 15, 1947.	May 28 June 2	2338 927	1427 1455	8955 9582	6783 7696	June 18 July 21, 1947.	June 10	July July	2 2	88 88
adjudicate certain claims resulting from vacuation of certain persons of Japanese neestry under military orders.	H. R. 3999	June 26, 1947	Jud	Jud	June 27, 1947.	June 16	732	1740	9873	8748	July 23, 1947.	June 18	July	2	88
veyance of certain land in Park County Wyoming.	H. R. 4462 (S. 1821)	Nov. 17, 1947.	PL*	IIA	Feb. 3	June 11	1303	1603	8180	8723	June 14	June 18	July	2	88
ending benefits of Veterans' Preference	H. R. 5508	Feb. 23	POCS	POCS	Apr. 30	June 9	1841	1561	5994	7932	May 18	June 12	July	2	88
authorize the Secretaries of the Army, avy, and Air Force to donate; surplus roperty for educational purposes.	H. R. 5882	Mar. 16	AS*	AS	May 12	June 2	1947	1457	6010	8716	May 18	June 18	July	2	88
king available Government-owned alco- ol plants at Muscatine, Iowa; Kansas ity, Mo.; and Omaha, Nebr., for making	H. R. 6096	Apr. 1	Agr*	Agr*	Apr. 6	June 7	1659	1518	6539	8718	May 26	June 18	July	2	89
f products from agricultural commodities. horizing exchange of land and interests nerein between city of San Diego and inited States.	H. R. 6633	May 20	AS	AS	June 1	June 16	2104	1714	7400	8745	June 8	June 18	July	2	89
pay certain funds to Confederated Tribes the Warm Springs Reservation of	S. 1243	May 7, 1947	PL	ПА*	June 16	May 24	2376	1391	9177	6769	June 19	June 1	July	3	89
provide assistance in the recruitment and istribution of farm labor.	S. 2767	Apr. 28	Agr	LPW	June 16	June 9	2379	1576	9347	7933	June 19	June 12	July	3	89
ing stamp commemorative of Juliette ow, founder and organizer of Girl Scouts.	H. J. Res. 327	Feb. 12	POCS	POCS	June 3	June 15	2174	1681	7421	9168	June 8	June 19	July	3	89
ending Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, garding State conversion of Federal sav- igs and loan associations.	H. R. 2798	Mar. 26, 1947.	BC*	BC*	May 21, 1947.	May 25	411	1392	6207	6770	June 2, 1947	June 1	July	3	89
to amend the Trading With the Enemy cet to create a commission to study and eport to Congress with respect to war laims.	H. R. 4044	July 1, 1947	IFC	Jud	July 17, 1947.	June 16	976	1742	553	8759	Jan. 26	June 18	July	3	89
provide for a coordinated long-range farm	H. R. 6248 (S. 2318)	Apr. 14	Agr	Agr*	Apr. 21	May 17	1776	1295	8014	8612	June 12	June 17	July	3	89
extend the time of expiration date of rms of members of the Atomic Energy ommission from Aug. 1, 1948, to June 30, 150.	H. R. 6402 (S. 2589)	Apr. 30,.	AE	AE	May 18	May 17	1973	1342	8953	9073	June 18	June 19	July	3	89
permit refund or credit to brewers for exes paid on beer losses in bottling opera- ons.	H. R. 6808	June 3	WM	Fin	June 9	June 16	2294	1711	7983	8748	June 12	June 18	July	3	89
oviding permanent postal rates and pay in- trease for Federal employees.	H. R. 6916 (S. 1537) (S. 1949)	June 14	POCS	POCS*	June 15	Apr. 7	2358	1111	8904	9085	June 18	June 19	July	3	90

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Agr	Agriculture	IFC	Interstate and Foreign Commerce
App	Appropriations	Jud	Judiciary
AS	Armed Services	LMR	Joint Committee on Labor-Management Relations
BC	Banking and Currency	LPW	Labor and Public Welfare
App AS BC DC	District of Columbia	MMF	Merchant Marine and Fisheries
EdL	Education and Labor	POCS	Post Office and Civil Service
		PL	Public Lands
FA	end Expenditures Foreign Affairs	PW	Public Works
FR	Foreign Relations	RAdm	Rules and Administration
Fin	Finance	VA	Veterans' Affairs
HA	House Administration	WM	Ways and Means

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